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MEETING OF SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

At Montreal, and within Cote-street Church there, the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one; the which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met, and, after sermon by Mr. W. B. Clark, Moderator for the past year, from Numbers, xxi. 16–18, was constituted for business.

The Synod Roll was made up and called, and the names of those in attendance were marked.

(*The names of Members in attendance are marked with an asterisk.*)

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*Henry Gordon	*Archibald Ramsay	Gananoque.
James Hume	*William Campbell	Melrose and Roslin.
*P. Gray	John R. Dickson, M.D.	Chalmers' Church, Kingston.
*Robert C. Swinton		Picton.
*Andrew Wilson	James McLaughlin	Brock-street, Kingston.
*William McLaren	*A. G. Northrup	Belleville.
*Thomas S. Chambers		Storrington & Brewer's Mills.
*David Wishart		Madoc.

A. MACALISTER, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*William Smart		Without charge.
Robert Boyd, D.D.	*Joseph Reid	Prescott.
*William Lochead	*Thomas Duncan	Gloucester and North Gower.
*Andrew Melville	*William Elliott	Edwardsburgh and Spencerville.
*J. Charles Quin	Walter Ker	Kemptville.
*Robert McKenzie	George McNish	Lyn and Yonge.
*James K. Smith, A.M.	*Sheriff Sherwood	Brockville.
*D. E. Montgomery, A.M.	Andrew Carson	South Gower and Mountain.
*Nathaniel Paterson	John Muir	Mirrickville.
*Archibald Lees, A.M.	*James Forsyth	North Augusta and Farmersville.
Vacant	Peter Ewing	Westport.

J. K. SMITH, PRES. CLERK.

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MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*Simon C. Fraser	*John Forrest	Macnab.
*Thomas Wardrope	*John Durie	Ottawa, Knox's Church.
*John McKinnon	*Ralph Smith	Beckwith and Ashton.
*James B. Duncan	Hugh Gourlay	Perth.
*John L. Gourlay, A.M.	*George Hay	Aylmer and Nepean.
*David Wardrope	*Donald Campbell	Bristol.
*James Whyte	*Andrew Losbach	Osgoode and Russel.
*William McKenzie	*William Lough	Ramsay.
*John McEwen		Cumberland and Lochaber.
*William Lochead		Renfrew.
*H. McMeekin, A M.		Pembroke.
		Wakefield.
		Dalhousie.

S. C. FRASER, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Archibald Henderson, A.M.	*Charles Benedict	St. Andrews, C. E.
William Macalister		Metis, C. E.
*David Black, S.S.		Chateauguay, C. E.
Thomas Henry	*John Meikle	Lachute, C. E.
*William B. Clark	*James Hossack	Quebec, C. E.
*Daniel Gordon	Malcolm McGregor	Indian Lands, C. E.
*Alex. F. Kemp	*William Lighthall	St. Gabriel-street, Montreal.
William Scott		St. Sylvester, C. E.
*Ewan McLean		Winslow. C. E.
*Duncan Cameron	*Donald Cattanach	Lochiel, C. W.
*Hugh Campbell	*Joseph Kilgour	Cornwall, C. W.
*John Anderson	*George Munro	Lancaster, &c., C. W.
*James McConechy	*John Allan	Leeds, C. E.
*John Crombie, A.M.	*Philip Peebles	Inverness, C. E.
*Peter Currie	*Robert McKillican	Vankleek Hill, C. W.
*Alexander Young	*William McKell	English River, &c., C. E.
*Alexander Allan	Hugh McColl	Grand Freniere, &c., C.E.
*Adam F. McQueen	*James R. McKenzie	Kenyon, C. W.
*John McKay		Richmond, C. E.
*John Milloy	*Donald McKay, jun.	Lingwick, C. E.
*D. H. McVicar	*John Redpath	Cote street, Montreal.
*James Thom, B.A.	*A. C. Colquhoun	Morrisburgh, &c., C. W.
*James Greenfield	*John Urquhart	Martintown, C. W.
*Daniel Paterson. A.M. (col.)	*James Dryden	St. Andrews, C. E.
*Walter Coulthard	Richard Markell	St. Louis de Gonzaque, C. E.
*Alexander Matheson		Osnabruck.

VACANT.—Laguerre; Farnham; Winchester, C. W.
STATIONS.—Finch; Alexandria; Harrington, &c.; Portneuf; Kennebec.

ALEX. F. KEMP, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Donald McKenzie	William McKenzie	Zorra.
Duncan McMillan		Aldborough.
*Thomas McPherson	*Ralph Donaldson	Stratford.
Daniel Allan		North Easthope.
Wm. Meldrum	William McKenzie	Harrington.
*Wm. Graham	Robert Turnbull	Egmondville.
John Fraser		Thamesford.
*Wm. R. Sutherland	William McBain	Ekfrid.
Angus McColl		Chatham.
*Lachlan McPherson	*Donald Waters	Williams.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*Wm. S. Ball		Without charge.
John Scott	*William Clark	St. Andrew's Church, London.
*David Walker	*Arch'd Young	Sarnia.
*William Troup	William Robertson	Plympton.
*William King	Rob't Vanvrankin	Buxton.
*John Ross	George Walker	Brucefield.
Duncan McDiarmid		Chalmers' Church, Woodstock.
James W. Chesnut	James Brown	Mandawmin and Enniskillen.
*Andrew Tolmie		Blandford and Innerkip.
*William Doak	George Armstrong	Avon C'h, Downie & Carlingford.
*James Ferguson	Duncan McBean	Lobo and Carradoc.
*John Stewart		Kincardine.
*Wm. Thos. McMullen		Knox's Church, Woodstock.
*John McMillan	*Phineas Barber	Fingal.
*John Straith	Donald Ross	Knox's Church, Ingersoll.
William Forrest	John McKenzie	Ridgetown.
*David Beattie	*Matthew Reid	Millbank, Mornington.
*Arch'd McDiarmid	Donald McMillan	Wallacetown and Duff's Church.
*Alexander D. McDonald	*William Murray	Clinton.
Arch'd Currie		Blythe, Manchester and Hullet.
*George Bremner		Paisley.
Alex. McKay		South Bruce and Greenock.
*Niel McKinnon		Wardsville, &c.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS:—Bosanquet; Mitchell; St. Thomas and Port Stanley; Moore; St. Mary's; Tilbury; Mosa; Southampton and Port Elgin; Beachville; Amherstburgh.

MISSION STATIONS:—Ashfield and Huron; Belmont and Yarmouth; Culross and Carrick, Chalmers' Church, Dunwich; Elma, Centre; Burns' Church, East Zorra; Grey and Wallace; Maidstone and Mersea; Mornington Line; North Bruce; Tara and West Arran; Turnberry; Vienna and Port Burwell; Wallaceburgh; Wawanosh and Kinloss; Westminster and Frampton.

WILLIAM DOAK, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*George Cheyne, A. M.	*William Brown	Saltfleet and Binbrook.
*Mark Y. Clark	*Alex. Ogg	Dundas.
George Smellie	*Alex. D. Ferrier	Fergus.
*Alex. McLean, A. M.		Cumminsville and Nairn.
*Duncan McRuer	*Wm. Alexander	Ayr.
*James Black	*Alex. Mitchell	Caledonia, &c.
*Andrew J. Macaulay		Nassagaweya.
*Robert Irvine, D.D.		Hamilton, Knox's Church.
*David Inglis	*Robert Hopkin	Hamilton, McNab Street Church.
*Robert F. Burns	*Peter Christie	St. Catherines.
*John Gillespie	Adam Allison	Blenheim.
*Alexander McLean	Alex. McKenzie	East Puslinch.
*James Middlemiss	*Alex. Burnett	Elora.
*William Craigie	*John Scott	Port Dover and Simcoe.
Andrew McLean		West Puslinch.
*George Cuthbertson	Wm. Veitch	Woolwich.
*John McRobie		Walpole and Jarvis.
*John G. Murray	Daniel Campbell	Grimsby.
Alexander Grant		Owen Sound.
*James Cameron	James Mitchell	Sullivan and Glenelg.
*William Park		Durham.
*William Millican	Robert James Black	Garafraxa.
*James Boyd		Wellesley and Crosshill.
*John McMechan	*George Davidson	Berlin.
*Donald McLean	John Martin	Mount Forest.
*John Rennie	*Salmon Minor	Dunnville.
*Finlay McCuaig		Niagara and Port Dalhousie.
*John Thomson, D.D.	*Morris C. Lutz	Galt.
*Charles Cameron		Rocky Saugeen.
James Findlay	James Berry	Waterdown & Wellington Square.
Vacant	*Alex. Christie	Guelph.
Vacant	*John Tainsh	Brantford.

JAS. MIDDLEMISS, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*Robert Burns, D.D.		Professor, Knox College.
Michael Willis, D.D.		Principal, Knox College.
James Harris		Without Charge.
*Alexander Topp, A.M.	*John McMurrich	Knox's Church, Toronto.
*William Reid, A.M.		General Agent of Church.
*A. T. Holmes, A.M.	David McClure	Brampton.
Thomas Wightman	John Alexander	Innisfil, Barrie and Essa.
*John McTavish	*Donald Gilchrist	Woodville.
*John McLachlan	*John Gunn	Beaverton.
*John Corbett		Mono.
*Wm. Gregg, A.M.	Joseph McAuley	Cooke's Church, Toronto.
*George P. Young		Professor, Knox College.
*James Nisbet	*John Barclay	Oakville and Dundas Street.
*Robert Ure	*Isaac Weylie	Streetsville.
*John Gray	*John Brown	Orillia and Oro.
*Joseph Alexander, A.M.	*David Henderson	Union and Norval.
*James Adams		King.
John Black	*Donald McLellan	Red River.
*Robert Jamieson	*W. D. Stark	York Mills and Fisherville.
*Robert McArthur		Brock and Reach.
*James A. Thomson	George Ewan	Erin and Caledon West.
*James Mitchell	*James Court	Milton and Boston Church.
*Thomas Sharp	*Andrew Barclay	Ashburn and Utica.
*James Stewart		Oro (West).
*George Craw		Medonte and Flos.
*Julius Straus		Markham.
*Donald H. Fletcher	*Wm. Clark, sen'r.	Scarborough.
Vacant	*William Heron	Whitby.
Vacant	*Duncan Kennedy	Acton.
Vacant	Alexander Campbell	West Gwillimbury, &c.

WILLIAM GREGG, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
James Douglass	J. D. Armstrong	South Cavan and Millbrook.
*John M. Roger	*Robert Kingan	Peterboro'.
*Thomas Alexander		Percy and Seymour.
W. C. Windel		Cartwright and Ballyduff.
*John W. Smith	*William Glover	Grafton and Vernonville.
*Wm. J. McKenzie	*John McLeod	Baltimore and Coldsprings.
Francis Andrews	*James Becket	Keene and Westwood.
*John Smith	*John Ewart	Bowmanville and Enniskillen.
*John Laing	*Charles H. Morgan	Cobourg.
*Wm. Blain	*Alexander Robertson	Springville.
*James Bowie	*Henry Fowlds	Norwood and Hastings.
*Peter Duncan		Colborne and Brighton.
Peter McDermid		Bowmanton and Alnwick.

JAMES BOWIE, PRES. CLERK.

The following ordained Ministers are resident within the bounds, viz.:—Messrs. R. Wallace, D. Anderson, J. Gauld, John Irvine, and R. D. McKay.

The following Probationers are employed in Missionary labour in the several Presbyteries, viz.:—Messrs. T. Fenwick, A. Fraser, R. Leask, J. McDowall, W. Matheson, C. McKerracher, James Robertson; Messrs. James Campbell, and James Tait at present unemployed, owing to indisposition.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator. The following nominations were made by Presbyteries, namely:—Mr. Alex'r Topp, Mr. William Gregg, Mr. Alex. F. Kemp, and Mr. Robert Ure. Mr. William Gregg, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, was unanimously elected Moderator, and on taking the chair, briefly addressed the Synod. Election of Moderator.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed,—That the thanks of the Synod be given to the retiring Moderator, for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the Moderator, and for the suitable and edifying sermon preached by him this evening. The Moderator accordingly conveyed to Mr. Clark the thanks of the Synod. Thanks to the retiring Moderator.

The Synod appointed a Committee on Bills and Overtures, with Mr. W. B. Clark, as Chairman, instructing the Committee to hold its first meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Committee on Bills and Overtures appointed.

It was agreed that the following arrangement should be adopted in regard to the diets for business, namely:—Meet each morning at 10. A.M., and continue in session until 1; meet again at 3, and continue in session until 6; meet again at 7, continuing, ordinarily, until 10, P.M.

The Synod granted leave to Presbyteries to meet for competent business during the intervals of the sessions of Synod. Presbyteries have leave to meet.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10, and the diet was closed with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *5th June*, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The Synod spent the first hour in devotional exercises.

Thereafter the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a Report, transmitting various papers, and recommending the order in which these should be taken up. The report was sustained, and the order of business recommended was approved, with the exception that the Report of the Committee on the Act of Parliament anent Congregational Property shall be taken up at the beginning of the afternoon sederunt. Report from Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Mr. Kemp introduced to the Synod, Mr. G. J. C. Duncan, a member of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, England, who laid on the table a commission from that Synod appointing him to attend the Synod of this Church, and express the fraternal affection entertained by the Presbyterian Church of England towards this Church. The Synod cordially welcomed Mr. Duncan, and requested him to take a seat with them. It was referred to the Mr. G. J. C. Duncan introduced.

Business Committee to arrange a time when Mr. Duncan may have an opportunity of addressing the Synod.

Special Commission at Keene.

The Minutes of the Special Commission, held at Keene, were read and sustained.

Committees on Synod Records appointed.

The Synod appointed the following Committees for the examination of Presbytery Records, viz. :—

On Record of Presbytery of Kingston—Messrs. J. K. Smith, J. Ferguson, and J. McMurrich.

On Record of Presbytery of Brockville—Messrs. J. Gillespie, J. McTavish, and J. Gunn.

On Record of Presbytery of Ottawa—Messrs. J. Bowie, D. Wishart, and P. Christie.

On Record of Presbytery of Montreal—Messrs. D. Inglis, J. Mitchell, and J. Durie.

On Record of Presbytery of London—Messrs. A. Topp, J. B. Duncan, and W. Campbell.

On Record of Presbytery of Hamilton—Messrs. W. Doak, A. Tolmie, and A. Young.

On Record of Presbytery of Toronto—Messrs. S. C. Fraser, T. McPherson, and C. H. Morgan.

On Record of Presbytery of Cobourg—Messrs. W. McLaren, J. Nisbet, and W. S. Ball.

Committee on Synod Records.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for the examination of the Synod Records, viz. :—Messrs. A. F. Kemp, J. Middlemiss, and A. D. Ferrier.

Students to be taken on public probationary trials.

On application duly made, and after hearing the usual certificates, the Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Montreal to take on public probationary trials, Mr. Edward Graham; and to the Presbytery of Hamilton, to take on public probationary trials, Messrs. John Eadie, and William M. Mackey.

Messrs. Forbes, McGlashan, and Bennett, to be received into connexion with the Church.

On application duly made, and after hearing the papers in the several cases, the Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Toronto, to receive as a Probationer of this Church, Mr. A. G. Forbes; and to the Presbytery of Hamilton, to receive as Ministers of this Church, Mr. A. McGlashan, and Mr. W. Bennett.

Overture anent examination of Students, disapproved of.

The Returns of Presbyteries to the Overture anent the Examination of Students were read. It appeared that five Presbyteries disapproved of the overture, one approved of it, and two had given no report. The overture was accordingly declared to be disapproved of.

Returns from Presbyteries anent Regulations of Widows' Fund referred to a Committee.

Returns from Presbyteries, with reference to the proposed regulations connected with the Widows' Fund, were called for, and were given in. They were referred to the following Committee to examine, and report as soon as possible, viz. :—Messrs. McLaren, Laing, Gillespie, McMurrich, A. D. Ferrier, and McLellan.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the arrangements for the consummation of the Union. The Report was given in by Mr. Kemp, Convener, setting forth the order of procedure for the consummation of the Union in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, on the evening of Thursday the sixth current. Report of Committee on arrangements for consummation of Union.

It was moved by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Inglis,—"That the programme agreed on by the Committee for the consummation of the Union, be adopted, except that, at the request of Mr. Burns, the name of Mr. Gordon, of Gananoque, be substituted for that of Mr. Burns." Mr. Gillespie's motion to sustain report.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *5th June*, 3 *P.M.*

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed for obtaining an Act of Parliament with reference to Congregational Property. Report of Committee on Act of Parliament anent Congregational Property.

The Report was presented by Mr. Kemp, convener, together with a copy of the Act passed by the Legislature.

It was moved by Mr. G. P. Young, seconded by Mr. A. Young, —That the Synod approve of the diligence of the Committee; and whereas it has been deemed necessary to introduce into the Act several matters which were not contemplated by the Synod when the Committee was named, the Synod appoint a Committee to examine the Act; the Committee being instructed to confer, if necessary, with the United Presbyterian Church, and to report to-morrow morning. The Committee was named as follows, viz.: Mr. Laing, convener; Messrs. Topp, Kemp, Reid, G. P. Young, Ministers; and Messrs. McMurrich, Redpath, A. Young, J. Court and James Hossack, Elders. Motion by Prof. Young.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on the arrangements for the Union.

After some conference on the subject, the hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *5th June*, 7 *P.M.*

The Synod again met, and was constituted with praise and prayer.

Synod resumes consideration of Report on arrangements for Union.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on the arrangements for the consummation of the Union.

Amendment by Mr. D. Gordon.

In amendment to Mr. Gillespie's motion, it was moved by Mr. Daniel Gordon, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald,—That the preamble to the Basis of Union be re-opened for consideration.

Objected to as out of order.

Objections were taken to the amendment, as being incompetent and out of order.

The Moderator ruled the amendment to be in order.

On motion of Mr. S. C. Fraser, seconded by Mr. A. McLean, an appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator to the Synod, as to the competency of the amendment.

Decided by House to be out of order.

By a vote of 77 to 56, the appeal was sustained, and accordingly the amendment moved by Mr. Gordon was declared out of order.

Mr. Gillespie's motion agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Gillespie was then put to the house. It was carried by a large majority.

Members dissent.

The following members entered their dissent, for reasons to be given in:—Messrs. A. D. McDonald, James Ferguson, D. E. Montgomery, D. Gordon, Ministers; and Mr. A. Young, Elder.

Statement by Messrs. Middlemiss and Cuthbertson.

Mr. J. Middlémiss and Mr. George Cuthbertson requested that it be recorded, that had they been present at the special meeting of the Synod in October, they would have dissented from the adoption of the preamble to the Basis, while they did not consider it desirable at this stage to throw any barrier in the way of the Union.

Mr. G. J. C. Duncan address Synod.

Mr. Duncan, who had been introduced to the Synod in the forenoon, and presented a commission from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, then addressed the Synod, expressing the fraternal feelings entertained towards this Church by the Church represented by him, and giving many interesting statements in reference to the state and progress of religion and of Presbyterianism in England.

Motion by Mr. J. M. Roger.

On motion of Mr. Roger, seconded by Mr. Kemp, it was agreed,—That the Synod, having heard Mr. Duncan, a representative of the sister Church in England, desires most cordially to welcome him as a brother beloved, and to express their sincere congratulations at the growing prosperity of the Church in England, and request him to convey back to the Synod of that Church the expression of our cordial affection and profound esteem.

Report by Committee anent Act for Congregational Property.

The Committee appointed, at the afternoon sederunt, with reference to the Act on Congregational Property, presented a Report, in the following terms, viz.:

The Committee appointed to consider the Act of Parliament with reference to Congregational Property, beg to report, after mature deliberation on the subject—particularly on the points specially referred

to them, namely, the seventh clause, provid or the mortgaging of church property, and the eighth clause, whic regarded as affecting the Widows' Fund—1st, That the seventh clause, in case of its being hereafter found objectionable in its practical working, may be amended by the United Church applying to the Legislature; 2nd, That the Ministers at present on the roll of the United Presbyterian Church may be admitted to the benefits of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on their congregations securing to the Fund the payment, within three years, of a sum equitably proportionate to the capital sum now held by this Church; 3rd, That as the safety of the Fund depends on the above indicated action, a copy of the Resolution referring thereto be transmitted to the United Presbyterian Synod, together with a statement of the present state of the Fund, and its burden, as data on which a calculation may be based as to the sum which would be required from the congregations of the United Presbyterian Church.

(Signed) JOHN LAING, *Convener.*

The Synod, on motion made and seconded, sustained the Report, and resolved in terms thereof. Report sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee. The same was given in by Mr. R. F. Burns, convener. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions called for and given in.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed,—That the Report be adopted, and that the desirableness and practicability of sending out one or more ministers to British Columbia, immediately, be submitted to the United Synod for consideration. Motion on subject of Foreign Mission.

The diet was then closed with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, *6th June*, 10 *A.M.*

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustaind.

The Synod invited Messrs. R. Wallace, A. McGlashan, J. Gauld, J. Irvine and Dr. Cairns, with any other ordained Ministers present, to sit with the Synod. Ordained Ministers invited to sit with Synod.

The Committee on Business presented a Report, which was sustained. Report from Business Committee.

The Synod then took up a reference from the Presbytery of London, anent an application from Mr. L. McPherson, for his credentials as an ordained Minister of this Church. The papers in the case were read, and parties interested were heard. The following motions were submitted: Reference from Pres. of London anent application of Mr. L. McPherson.

1. It was moved by Mr. Melville, seconded by Mr. Inglis,—That the reference from the Presbytery of London be sustained, and that a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. McPherson, and others who have similar difficulties, with a view to the removal of said difficulties; the Committee to report this afternoon. Motion by Mr. Melville.

Amendment by Mr. Kemp.

2. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, and seconded,—That the Synod having heard and considered the reference from the Presbytery of London, on granting a certificate to Mr. L. McPherson, sustain said reference; appoint the Presbytery of London to meet this day, and grant certificate as craved, in usual form. Inasmuch, further, as Mr. McPherson has requested leave to enter a protest and remonstrance, with reasons, at this stage of the proceedings, against the Union of the Churches, agree, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the case, to depart from the usual forms in regard to the reception of dissents and protests, and to receive the same. Further, appoint a Committee to answer said protest, to confer with Mr. McPherson in the premises, and to report this afternoon.

Amendment carried.

On a division, the amendment was carried by a majority, and the Synod accordingly resolved in terms of the same, and appointed the following Committee to answer Mr. McPherson's Protest, and to confer with him, viz.:—Mr. McTavish, Convener; Messrs. Kemp, Topp, D. McLellan, and D. Cattanach.

Committee appointed.

(The Protest lodged by Mr. McPherson, and adhered to by Mr. Donald Waters, will be found in the Appendix.)

Committee appointed to answer reasons of dissent.

The same members, viz.: Mr. McTavish, Convener; Messrs. Kemp, Topp, D. McLellan, and D. Cattanach, were appointed a Committee to prepare answers to reasons of dissent given in by Messrs. D. Gordon, A. Young, A. D. McDonald, J. Ferguson, and D. E. Montgomery.

Invitation to visit Porte aux Trembles.

A communication was received and read, from Messrs. Court, and Wolffe, in behalf of the Committee of the French-Canadian Missionary Society, inviting the members of Synod to visit Pointe aux Trembles, on Saturday afternoon, on board a steamer to be provided for that purpose. It was agreed that the communication should be respectfully acknowledged, and the thanks of the Synod tendered for the invitation thus kindly given.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, *6th June*, 3 *P.M.*

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The Minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Moderator read a letter of the following tenor:—

To the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Montreal.

Letter from certain Ministers dissenting from basis.

We, the undersigned, would hereby express our dissent from the Basis of Union, as adopted by the Synod, inasmuch as the ambiguity and indefiniteness of the preamble to said Basis render very unsatisfactory a document of so important a character, in which a clear,

definite, and ample statement is required at once by the circumstances of the case, and the allegiance of the Church to her great Head; capable as said preamble may be of construction that would operate to the practical abnegation of Christ's headship over the nations, and the duty of the civil magistrate, as laid down in the fourth article.

(Signed) DONALD MCKENZIE, Minister at West Zorra.
DANIEL ALLAN, Minister at North Easthope.
WM. MELDRUM, Minister at Harrington.
J. FRASER, Minister at Thamesford.
ALEXANDER MCKAY, Minister at Bruce.

Harrington, 3rd June, 1861.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed,—That the letter of these brethren should be recorded as expressing their dissent from the Basis of Union. *Letter to be recorded.*

Mr. Ure presented a verbal Report from the Committee on a general union of Presbyterians. *Report on general Presb'n Union.*

The Synod agreed to receive and sustain the Report; express satisfaction with the progress made; and record their earnest hope that, in the providence of God, any existing difficulties may be removed, and that there may be a general union of the Presbyterians in the Province. *Report sustained.*

The Synod then took up an overture on the subject of the ministerial status of Mr. W. S. Ball, at present one of the agents of the Upper Canada Bible Society. The overture was read, and Mr. McMullen was heard in support of it. On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed, in the special circumstances of the case, to approve of the overture, and to grant Mr. Ball the privilege asked; his name to be added to the roll of the Presbytery of London. *Overture anent status of Mr. W. S. Ball.* *Overture approved and Mr. Ball's name added to the Roll.*

The Report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was called for and read. The Report showed the scheme to be in a prosperous state, the accumulated fund being upwards of $30,000. The Report was received and sustained. *Report on Widows' Fund given in and sustained.*

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the returns of Presbyteries with reference to the proposed regulations connected with the Widows' Fund, was given in. It appeared that a majority of Presbyteries approved of the proposed regulations. *Report of Committee on Returns of Presbyteries.*

It was moved and seconded,—That the Synod adopt the proposed regulations, with the addition that notice must be sent to ministers in default before they shall be cut off from the benefits of the fund. *Motion to adopt Regulations.*

It was moved in amendment by Mr. T. McPherson, and seconded,—That the regulations be approved, with the exception that in case of ministers being disconnected from the fund they shall receive back the whole amount paid in. *Amendment by Mr. S. McPherson.*

On a division, the motion was carried, Mr. McPherson and Mr. McMeekin dissenting. *Mr. McPherson and Mr. McMeekin dissent.*

A special Report was submitted as to the terms on which Ministers of the former Synod of the United Presbyterian Church

Special Report of Committee on terms for admission of Ministers of United Presbyterian Synod to Widows' Fund.

should be admitted to the privileges of the fund. The Report recommended that the Ministers of the former United Presbyterian Synod should be admitted to the privileges of the fund on their congregations raising a sum equitably proportioned to the capital now possessed by this Synod. The Report was sustained.

Report of Finance Committee presented.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented, together with a general Balance Sheet of all the schemes of the Church. The report was received and sustained. In accordance with a recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was agreed that henceforth the Library account should at the end of each year be transferred to the general account of Knox's College.

Report of College Board called for and presented.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Board, and was given in by Mr. Topp, Chairman. The Synod adopted the Report.

Home Mission Report called for and presented.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee. The same was given in by Dr. Irvine, Convener. On motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. N. Paterson, the report was sustained. It was agreed that the grant from the Irish Presbyterian Church should be divided among the Presbyteries of the Synod, on the same principle on which the division had been made in former years.

Report on Mission to American Indians.

The Report of the Presbytery of Toronto on the subject of a mission to the American Indians was presented by Mr. McTavish. The Report was received and sustained.

Report anent Buxton Mission presented.

A Report was received from the Committee charged with the superintendence of the financial affairs of the Buxton Mission. The Report was adopted.

Memorial from W. A. Melville.

A Memorial was presented by Mr. A. Melville, with reference to certain arrears of stipend due to him before his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Pembroke. The Synod referred to their action in this matter last year, and expressed the hope that the recommendations then given may be carried out.

Report on state of Religion.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion was given in by Mr. McTavish, in the absence of Mr. Scott, the Convener. The Report was received and adopted.

Report on Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record.

The Committee on the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record* presented a Report. The same was sustained.

Report on Statistics.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was called for, and the same was given in by Mr. John Gray, Convener. The Report was sustained.

Report on Colportage.

The Report of the Committee on Colportage was presented by Mr. D. Inglis. The Report was received and sustained.

Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

The Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was called for, and given in by Mr. McTavish, Convener. The Report was received and sustained.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was presented by Mr. J. K. Smith. The Report was received and sustained.

A Report was presented by the Senate of Knox College, to the effect that in view of the union with the United Presbyterian Church, it was not deemed advisable for this Synod to make any specific arrangement with reference to the literary department of Knox College. The Report was sustained.

Report from Senate of Knox College.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. McPherson, and any who might have similar differences, reported that they had conferred with Mr. McPherson and Mr. Waters, but in the meantime apparently without success. The Committee reported an answer to Mr. McPherson's Protest, which was approved. (The same will be found in the Appendix.)

Report of Committee appointed to confer with Mr. L. McPherson.

The Report was received and sustained.

The Committee appointed to prepare answers to the Reasons of Dissent given in by Messrs. D. Gordon, Arch. Young, A. D. McDonald, J. Ferguson, and D. E. Montgomery, reported answers to said reasons. The same were approved, and ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

Report of Committee appointed to prepare answers of reasons of dissent by Mr. D. Gordon and others.

An application was made to the Synod by Mr. L. McPherson, to the effect that his interest in the Widows' Fund might be continued, even although he might no longer be connected with the Synod. The following motions were submitted:—

Application from Mr. L. McPherson anent his Interest in Widows' Fund.

1. It was moved and seconded,—That Mr. McPherson's application be not granted, but that in accordance with the previous regulations, he should receive all the amount he had paid into the Fund, with legal interest.

Motion in regard to McPherson's application.

2. It was moved in amendment and seconded,—That Mr. McPherson's application be referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund, with a recommendation to deal with it as liberally as circumstances will admit.

Amendment.

On a division, the amendment was carried, and the application was accordingly referred to the Widows' Fund Committee, with the above recommendation.

Amendment carried.

The following Minute was then adopted:—

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, considering that a Basis of Union with the United Presbyterian Church in Canada has been prepared and adopted by both Synods, and upon being remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, has been by them accepted and approved; and considering that all other preliminary arrangements have been, by the help of God, completed, do now, recounting with fervent gratitude all the goodness and mercy which her Divine Head has vouchsafed in the past to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, blessing His holy name for having led them and their brethren of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada to such a measure of harmony of sentiment and cordiality of feeling; humbly trusting that the God of all peace will accord his sanction to the solemn and interesting step which they are about to take, and earnestly praying that the reviving, sanctifying, and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit may largely descend on the United Church, to enable her ministers, elders, and people to value and improve the privileges they enjoy, and perform the duties incumbent on them: Resolve, and

Minute anent consummation of the Union.

hereby record their resolution, forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street, the appointed place of meeting, that they may there, as arranged, unite with the brethren of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and form one Synod, to be designated and known as the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church; praying that henceforth they may be enabled to walk together in the fear of God and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, striving together for the faith of the Gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances, and for the increase of the Church of Christ, and the Synod declare that the United Synod shall be considered identical with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and shall be entitled to and shall have all the authority, rights, privileges, and benefits to which this Synod is now entitled, and declaring further that each of the congregations under its inspection, whether it shall adopt a name to be hereafter agreed upon, or shall retain, as it shall be permitted to do, the name by which it has hitherto been designated, shall not be held, though coming, in consequence of this union, under the inspection of the Synod of the United Church, as in any way changing its ecclesiastical connexion, or impairing any civil rights which it now possesses and enjoys.

Synod proceeds to Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street.

In accordance with the above Minute, the Synod proceeded to the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street.

On arriving at that place, the Synod roll was again called and marked.

The Basis of Union was read, and again assented to by the Members, and was signed by the Moderator in name and by appointment of the Synod.

Union consummated.

The Moderator then declared, in terms of the articles of union, that this Synod and Church unite with the Synod and Church of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, under the name of "The Canada Presbyterian Church," henceforth to form one church, and to labour together for the advancement of the cause and kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

W. GREGG, *Moderator.*
WILLIAM REID, *Synod Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

Demission:

Mr. Archibald Crawford resigned the pastoral charge of Westport, and his resignation was accepted on the 19th February, 1861.

License:

Mr. Charles M. McKerracher was licensed February 6th, 1861.

J. K. Smith, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

Demission:

Mr. James Geggie demitted the pastoral charge of Dalhousie, in consequence of ill-health, since last meeting of Synod.

S. C. Fraser, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Received into the Church:

June 27th, 1860, the congregation of St. Andrew's, C. E., was received into connection with the Church.

July 9th, 1860, the Rev. Archibald Henderson, A.M., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, C. E., was, by permission of Synod, received into connection with the Church.

October 4th, 1860, Mr. Daniel Paterson, preacher, was, with permission of Synod, received into connection with the Church.

Students Licensed:

August 28th, 1860, Mr. Alexander Matheson and Mr. Walter Coulthard were duly licensed to preach the Gospel.

Calls, Ordinations and Inductions:

October 4th, 1860, the Church of St. Andrew's, C. E., gave a unanimous call to the Rev. D. Paterson, preacher of the Gospel, which he accepted.

September 19th, 1860, the Cote-street Church, Montreal, C. E., gave a unanimous call to the Rev. D. H. McVicar, of Guelph, C.W., which he accepted.

October 16th, 1860, the United Churches of English River and Durham, Ormstown, gave a unanimous call to the Rev. Alexander Young, of St. Thomas, C.W., which he accepted.

October 4th, 1860, the Churches of Winchester and of Osnabruck gave each unanimous calls to Mr. Alexander Matheson, preacher of the Gospel, the latter of which he accepted.

October 4th, 1860, the United Churches of St. Louis de Gonzague and Valleyfield gave a unanimous call to Mr. Walter Coulthard, preacher of the Gospel, which he accepted.

October 24th, 1860, Mr. D. Paterson, M.A., was ordained at St. Andrew's, C. E.

Nov. 20th, 1860, Mr. Walter Coulthard was ordained at St. Louis de Gonzague.

Nov. 28th, 1860, Mr. Alexander Matheson was ordained at Osnabruck.

Dec. 18th, 1860, the Rev. Alexander Young was translated from St. Thomas, C. W., and inducted at English River and Durham.

January 30th, 1861, the Rev. D. H. McVicar was translated from Guelph, C. W., and inducted to Cote-street Church, Montreal.

Death:

January 23rd, 1861, the death of Mr. John Munro, for many years a catechist in this Presbytery, was recorded.

Montreal, 3rd June, 1861. ALEX F. KEMP, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

I. *License:*

Mr. Neil McKinnon was licensed to preach the Gospel, on the 26th Sept., 1860.

II. *Ordination and Induction:*

Mr. Neil McKinnon was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the United Congregations of Wardsville, Newbury, and North East of Aldborough, on the 21st February, 1861.

III. *Translations:*

Rev. David Beattie was translated from Chalmers' Church, St. Mary's, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the Church and Congregation at Millbank, Mornington, on the 22nd August, 1860.

Rev. Alex. Young was translated from the United Congregations of St. Thomas and Port Stanley, to the United Congregations of English River and Durham, Presbytery of Montreal, on the 20th November, 1860.

Rev. John Straith was translated from the Congregation of Tilbury, and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox's Church, Ingersoll, on the 5th December, 1860.

Rev. James Findlay was translated from Knox's Church, Mitchell, to the United Congregations of Waterdown and Wellington Square, Presbytery of Hamilton, on the 16th April, 1861.

Demissions:

Rev. John Gauld, having resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Moore, was loosed therefrom on the 5th August, 1860.

Rev. James Blount, having resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Bosanquet, was loosed therefrom on the 26th March, 1861.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

License:

Mr. D. H. Fletcher was licensed to preach the Gospel, on the 14th August, 1860.

Resignations:

1. Mr. Thomas Isaac Hodgskin resigned his pastoral charge at Doon and New Hope, and was loosed therefrom on the 19th June, 1860.
2. Mr. John Alexander resigned his pastoral charge at Brantford, and was, on the 17th December, 1860, declared to be no longer a Minister of the Church.

Translation:

Mr. D. H. McVicar was translated from the Congregation of Knox's Church, Guelph, to that of Cote-street Church, Montreal, on the 18th November, 1860.

Ordinations and Inductions:

1. Mr. John Rennie was inducted as pastor of the Congregation at Dunnville, on the 17th October, 1860.
2. Mr. Finlay McCuaig was ordained and inducted as Pastor of the Congregation of Niagara and Port Dalhousie, on the 28th November, 1860.
3. Dr. John Thomson was inducted as pastor of Knox's Church, Galt, on the 18th April, 1861.
4. Mr. Charles Cameron was ordained and inducted as Pastor of the Rocky Saugeen Congregation, on the 1st May, 1861.
5. Mr. James Findlay was inducted as Pastor of the Congregation of Waterdown and Wellington Square, on the 8th May, 1861.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Licensed:

1. Mr. F. McQuaig, 18th July, 1860.
2. Mr. James Robertson, 8th November, 1860.

Inducted:

1. Rev. Robert Jamieson, at York Mills and Fisherville, 3rd July, 1860.
2. Rev. John McLachlan, at Beaverton, 21st February, 1861.
3. Rev. Robert McArthur, at Brock and Reach, 14th March, 1861.
4. Rev. John Corbett, at Mono, 20th March, 1861.

Ordained:

1. Mr. D. H. Fletcher, at Scarborough, 8th November, 1860.

Declared:

1. Rev. Samuel Young, no longer a Minister of this Church.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Rev. James Bowie having resigned Warsaw, one of the congregations of his charge, was loosed from the pastoral charge of that congregation on the 25th September, 1860.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX COLLEGE, TO THE SYNOD AT MONTREAL.—June, 1861.

The Board of Management, in compliance with the terms of their appointment by the Synod, have now to present the following Report on the matters entrusted to their care.

I.—THE STUDENTS.

The number of Students in attendance at Knox College, and in preparation for it at the University, during the last session, has been 45. Of this number, 8 have completed three years of their Theological course, 4 have gone through two years, and 9 their first year. The remaining 22 have been in the preparatory classes.

The number of those in the Theological classes proper, is not so great as last year; but it is a gratifying fact that there is a decided increase in the number of those who are taking a Literary course, either in whole or in part, with the view of entering Knox College as Theological students.

II.—THE FUNDS.

The ordinary income for the year ending 1st May last—of course derived from congregational contributions—amounts to $5,525 06. This is an increase of $364 56 above the income of last year, derived from the same source. It is true that the receipts of last year were larger, inasmuch as they included a legacy by the late Mr. Gibb, of Quebec, of $2,000, which the Synod resolved to apply in the meantime to the ordinary expenditure of the College. But, looking to the regular channel through which the support of the institution must in the meantime be expected, it is gratifying to find that there is an advance. It is, however, to be noticed, that whilst the ordinary income will in all likelihood now be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure, yet, owing to the lateness of the season when the contributions are gathered in, there always remains at the close of the financial year a considerable deficit, which causes temporary difficulty, and requires to be made up out of the income of the following year. For example: there is a deficiency at this time of $1,806 53, principally arrears of the salaries of the Principal and Professors. The Board of Management would strongly recommend to the Synod that means should be adopted as soon as possible to remedy this existing state of things.

Building Fund.—In regard to the building itself, purchased as Knox's College some years ago, it may be necessary to remind the Synod, that there is a debt resting upon it, presently amounting to $10,800 46. This debt falls due on the first day of January, 1862; and the Board of Management having respect to the large amount of interest (viz., about $650) which has yearly to be paid on that debt, out of the regular revenue of the College, are decidedly of opinion that an immediate and strenuous effort should be made to raise the sum necessary to clear the building of all incumbrance. The present occasion seems peculiarly suitable for such an object, when the union between this Church and the United Presbyterian Church of Canada is now about to be so happily consummated. If, as it is hoped, important benefits shall, through the Divine blessing, accrue from that auspicious event, it is neither presumptuous nor unreasonable to expect that the gratitude of those who are interested in the welfare of the Church will manifest itself in the opening of the heart to divise liberal things for the Church and cause of Christ.

III.—BURSARIES.

The "Buchanan Bursary" was, after examination and trial, awarded to Mr. H. Gracie, a student of the first year, and the "Knox Bursary" to Mr. W. Mackey, a student of the third year. One of the Gaelic Bursaries was gained by Mr. L.

Cameron, in the Theological Department; and the other by Mr. J. McColl, in the Literary Department. The "Henry Esson Bursary" was enjoyed by Mr. O. Paquette.

The Board of Management have the pleasure of reporting that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, whilst in this country last autumn, and during his stay in Toronto, paid a visit, on the invitation of the Principal, to Knox College, and afterwards, as an indication of his interest in the cause of literary and theological education, presented, through His Excellency the Governor-General, a donation of $800, to be invested at interest, for the purpose of affording a prize or prizes to the most deserving and proficient students. The Board of Management acknowledged, through the Principal, this munificent token of His Royal Highness's respect for the Church, and anxiety for the advancement of its interests.

After full and careful deliberation on the different modes of carrying out the intention of this gift, the Board resolved to adopt, as on the whole the most satisfactory, the plan of appropriating the interest for a single Scholarship, to be held for two years, and to be competed for by any of the Theological students of the first and second years. In this way, the opportunity of its being held by any of them for the period stated, is afforded to all the Theological students.

IV.—THE BOARDING HOUSE.

The Boarding department has been conducted, as formerly, by Mr. Thos. Willing, to the satisfaction of the Board. The greater portion of the students availed themselves of it, and resided in the House, though a few left it during the session.

The Board would, in conclusion, again recommend to the Synod to appoint a day for special prayer on behalf of the College, believing not only that such an appointment will tend to create a deeper interest in the minds of the people regarding the College, but that it is a most suitable expression of our dependence on the Spirit of God for real prosperity and success in all the undertakings of the Church. The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into his harvest.

The Board having at one of its meetings taken up the subject of University College, resolved to petition the Legislature against the proposal for a division of the Funds of the University of Toronto and University College. A petition was accordingly prepared and transmitted to both Houses of Parliament.

A. Topp, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1861.

The Committee in presenting another report of the Domestic Mission of this Synod, would record their gratitude to the great King and Head of the church, for the tokens of his favor with which he has graciously visited our Zion during the past year.

It is a source of special thanksgiving that in our cities there has been an obvious revival of trade, while in the rural districts the labours of the husbandman have not been followed by barrenness or blight.

Another source of gratitude to God is discernible in the fact, that while several settled charges in our Synod have been vacated by translation and resignation, none of the brethren, with one exception, have been laid aside by infeebled health, nor removed by death.

But the Committee would regard as not the least among the many causes of thankfulness, the immediate prospect of a cordial union of two of the Branches of of our great Presbyterian family, which will not only tend to give additional efficiency to existing and settled congregations within the bounds of the Synod, but to enable the united church to prosecute with greater effect her mission of aggression upon territories which neither section of the Church has heretofore been able successfully to overtake.

Already, indeed, in at least one instance in the West, has this been felt and acted upon in the union and harmonious settlement of a respected brother over two charges—the one heretofore under the United Presbyterian Synod, and the other under your own.

It is confidently hoped and believed, moreover, that after the consummation of the union, a fresh and vigorous impulse will be given to our Home Mission enterprise, and that the church will, under God, rise to a sense of her divine mission in this Province.

Much of the land is yet to be possessed, and the lamented trouble in the adjoining Republic is likely to turn the tide of immigration from European countries to our Canadian shore, which will call upon our Synod to take her part with other evangelical churches in the country, in providing the means of grace for the strangers within our gates, who will look to her for that spiritual care which it is at once her bounden duty and paramount privilege to exercise in the circumstances.

In our forty-two Western Counties, there is not a township in which may not be found ample material for at least one, if not more, large and efficient congregations. Had we the men, many of our double charges might be divided, and each station worked with ease into a self-sustaining state.

To the aggressive part of this great work the church is now loudly called upon to address herself, and while the want of means may be urged, still it cannot be denied that even under the heaviest pressure arising alike from commercial embarrassment and agricultural depression, our people have struggled and faithfully responded to every call which the church has presented in the name of her living Head. The Lord of the harvest has never failed to send forth labourers into his harvest, where his people have been faithful in their exertions and their prayers.

In regard to the operations of the Mission for the past year, your Committee would present the following facts, which fully warrant them in stating that the Mission continues, under God, to progress and prosper.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON REPORT,

1. That there are within the bounds, including vacant charges, twenty-five stations.

2. That of these nineteen are self-sustaining, if under an efficient labourer.

3. That the six stations not self-sustaining would require about one hundred dollars per annum each, for a time.

4. That nearly all the above stations have been in existence for about ten years.

5. That four vacancies have occurred by translation, and three by demission during the year.

6. That only five missionaries are labouring within the bounds, or one to each of the five vacancies—"what are these to break the bread of life among so many?"

7. That the amount raised for Home Mission purposes during the year, is one thousand and four dollars and sixty-eight cents.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON REPORT,

1. That there are, including vacant charges, eleven congregations unsettled within the bounds.

2. That the vacant charges are Guelph, Paris, Brantford, Doon and New Hope, and Glenallan.

3. The stations are Minto, Arthur and Maryboro', Proton, Everton and Eden, Welsingham, and Seneca.

4. That the number of missionaries labouring within the bounds are three, and one catechist.

5. That at least three of the stations may be regarded as self-sustaining, and the others would, it is confidently believed, soon become self-sustaining under efficient management.

THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO REPORT,

1. That a considerable portion of new territory had been visited, and the way prepared for the organisation of Mission Stations, particularly in the county of Victoria. New settlements have also been visited in the township of Proton, adjacent to the bounds of the Hamilton Presbytery.

2. That the stations in Artemisia are now united with a congregation in the Hamilton Presbytery, over which Mr. Charles Cameron has been recently ordained.

3. That, properly speaking, there is at present only one vacant charge within the bounds of the Presbytery, viz., Acton.

4. That the congregations or united congregations that may be prepared to call ministers, or nearly so, are the following: 1. Collingwood Harbour and Bowmore, 2. Nottawasaga and Sunnidale, 3. St. Vincent, Euphrasia, and Sydenhan, and 5. Georgetown—four in all.

5. That those not so far advanced as the above, are Ospry, West Essa, Caledon East and Mono Mills, Malton, Weston, Whitby, York Town Line, and Cedar Grove —eight in all.

6. That besides these there are several new stations not yet so fully organised as to demand special notice.

7. That the amount of Missionary Supply given within the bounds of the Presbytery during the last year, has been by preachers 139 Sabbaths, by students 216 Sabbaths—total 355 Sabbaths. This is exclusive of Sabbath services by professors of Knox College and ministers resident in the city.

8. There has been paid to preachers and students for their services, the sum of nearly two thousand dollars exclusive of their board and travelling expenses. The cost of boarding would amount to five hundred and twenty-six dollars, while their travelling expenses were two hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty-three cents. Thus the whole sum paid on account of the services of preachers and students for the year, has been about two thousand seven hundred and sixty-three dollars; which does not include the expenses of ministers supplying stations near the City of Toronto, and visiting more distant fields of missionary labour.

THE PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG REPORT,

One station and one missionary within the bounds. This Presbytery hope to be able during the present summer, to open several new stations in the new townships in the rear of Peterboro', which are rapidly filling up.

THE PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON REPORT,

Four stations within the bounds—none of which are self-sustaining. That a new group of stations in Hastings has been added to the Home Mission field during the year, though as yet not organized That three hundred and sixty-two dollars and thirty-seven cents, irrespective of the contributions from the stations themselves, have been raised for Home Mission purposes during the year, and that there are four missionaries, at present, labouring within the bounds.

THE PRESBYTRY OF BROCKVILLE REPORT,

That there is one station, and that self-sustaining, within the bounds. That during the year there has been one demission. That one ordained missionary is

labouring within the bounds, and that the sum of sixty dollars has been raised for Home Mission purposes during the year.

THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA REPORT,

Three vacancies and two Mission Stations within their bounds. During the winter this Presbytery had only the services of one missionary. They further report one demission during the year on the ground of ill health.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL REPORT,

1. That there are nine stations within the bounds.
2. That of ther' six are self-sustaining.
3. That the remaining three would require aid to the amount of four hundred dollars per annum, for a time.
4. That the sum of nine hundred and seventeen dollars has been received within the bounds, irrespective of the amounts contributed by the stations themselves.
5. The Irish Assembly has offered fifty pounds sterling for three years, to aid one missionary within the bounds. It thus appears that under the care of the Synod there are 55 organized stations, besides a goodly number of others in a new and unorganized state. That there are only some 25 missionaries at the disposal of the Synod to work these stations, and
6. That the sum of $4,341 68 is reported to your Committee as paid during the year in support of the Mission.

The Committee have much gratification in reporting that the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, have granted the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, for Home Mission purposes, to be applied as this Synod may direct.

In closing their report, and along with it their trust (this Committee ceasing to exist on the consummation of the union), they would congratulate the Synod on the great success which, under the good hand of God, has attended all their operations in each section of the Province, but especially in Western Canada, since the organization of our church: and would earnestly hope that past success may prove an incentive to future and more vigorous action, while the union of the two churches so auspiciously consummated, may afford greater and more effective means for enlarged and vigorous action. It is hoped that under a central Board of Domestic Missions, should the Synod adopt such a measure, the united church will be enabled to enter upon a wide course of aggression, and to prosecute it in the name of Christ with unfaltering constancy of purpose, until she shall have planted the Banner of our Presbyterian faith in every settlement of the British possessions on this vast Continent.

British Columbia and Vancouver's Island will doubtless be brought under the notice of the Synod in the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, and should it seem good to our church at once to enter upon and occupy these regions already entered by the Irish Assembly, and it is hoped ere long to be further undertaken by the Free Church of Scotland, our Zion, if true to herself and her living Head, may with confidence and hope anticipate the time when this land shall become Emanuel's land.

Respectfully submitted.

R. IRVINE, *Convener.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion regret that the indisposition of their respected Convener has deprived them of his valuable assistance in drawing up their Report, and, in consequence, it had to be more hurriedly prepared, and is of less value and interest than it would be otherwise.

Reports on the State of Religion have been furnished them by Presbyteries; from Kingston none has been received. It appears from these, that at least one conference on this momentous subject has been held in five Presbyteries, little more than one half of the whole Presbyteries of the Church; these are, Toronto, London, Montreal, Cobourg, and Brockville, which last stands far in advance of all the others in this matter, having had frequent meetings on this subject. It may be proper to state, that the corresponding members from Hamilton and Ottawa say, that the reason for their neglect is that other unexpected and most pressing business came up in each of these Presbyteries at the time at which it should have held this conference.

Missionary Meetings seem to be held in all the Presbyteries, from which reports have been received, except Hamilton, in which these have been neglected for some years.

The day of Thanksgiving was generally observed. The call to united prayer in January was generally responded to, and led in various instances to union meetings, some of which were held daily, some weekly, and others occasionally.

There seem to be at least one Sabbath School and one Bible Class in connection with nearly all, if not with every congregation in the Church; a few have several Sabbath Schools, and some report that from these they receive from time to time accessions to their membership. All the reports express the opinion that these are tokens for good; they generally speak of increased attendance on the means of grace, both of young and old, or of a growing seriousness and attention to divine things; and in one instance, viz., that of Brockville, to an increase of liberality. One or two reports speak of increased desire to make a profession of religion. But these only speak directly of apparent conversions to the Lord, and these seem few; but occurring, as they appear to do, at points widely separate, the Committee feel more confidence in hoping they may prove the first drops of an early and great outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

The reports indicate that all the ordinary agencies for promoting the conversion of sinners to God, and the upbuilding of his people, are earnestly wrought, and the gospel fully and faithfully preached; and yet all deplore that they are so much like a wilderness—a broken vessel. And while your Committee cannot but feel sorry that so little real solid and direct good is ascertained to be done, yet they think there is ground for some hope in that there appears to be a growing desire among both office-bearers and members for the outpouring of the Spirit and the reviving of God's work in the Lord.

But while expressing such a hope, the Committee cannot conceal their fears that the tokens that are apparent may pass away without the salvation of souls. The cloud which the anxious husbandman thinks is to water his parched fields may pass, and the tokens of awakening may, yea, must do so also, unless an awakening, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit is early felt; and the Committee are anxious that the Synod should direct its most serious and prayerful attention to the question—how may we avoid the danger we are in?—that the present hopeful appearances have no satisfactory issue.

There are hindrances to the progress of the work. Those specially mentioned in the returns from Presbyteries are, intemperance and worldliness; but were there no outward hindrance of a positive kind, there are others which lie more at our own doors, arising from the neglect of duty both by ministers and elders, and members of the Church. The Committee feel that we have cause to deplore that our religion is far from being of that full, soul-elevating character

which it ought to be, and that, consequently, we are not so markedly living epistles of Christ, so known and read of all men, as we should aim at being, that others may be led to glorify our Father who is in Heaven; and they would respectfully, yet seriously, call the attention of the Synod to this, convinced, as they are, that if a revival is granted to us, it must begin in the hearts of God's people, and will show itself in a more fervent and self-sacrificing love to God, and more earnest effort to do everything with a direct aim for advancing his glory and the good of our fellow men.

The returns contain various suggestions for promoting this object. Several urge that the duty of prayer should be pressed alike on ministers and people; that there should be much and earnest prayer, both in private and in all our meetings. One recommends, in addition, that a sermon be preached at each stated meeting of Presbytery, and that the remaining portion of the first diet, at each of such meetings, should be spent in conference on this subject and in prayer. Another recommends conference on this subject, and prayer at each stated meeting; but the Presbytery of Brockville has the honour of setting an example in attending to these matters. Others speak of these things. They do them. The Committee, deeply impressed with the importance of doing so, strongly recommend that each Presbytery be enjoined to hold a conference on this subject, at each quarterly meeting, and that this have the precedence of all other business. One corresponding member urges that Presbyterial visitation be practised, both for remedying what may be amiss in the outward business of the house of God, and ascertaining and improving the spiritual condition of each congregation. This also the Presbytery of Brockville do, and the Committee would gladly see practised. Another suggestion which the Committee would recommend also, is, that each member of the Church he held bound to work for the Lord, and that office-bearers endeavour to assign work to each, and to set them to do it.

The Committee feel also that great care be taken in the admission of members into the fellowship of the Church, and that every effort should be made to have conversation really profitable to one another. We have all cause to lament that we have failed more in this duty than perhaps in any other, and our neglect is both a token of a want of deep spirituality, and a means of hindering its growth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MACTAVISH, *Convener.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

The Committee have to report that the half collection assigned to them by the last meeting of Synod amounted to only the sum of $500.

That only one application was made last year, and only one minister, Mr. D. Clark, admitted on the Fund. To him the sum of $160 was paid for the past year. That they have on hand the sum of $313, which is not likely to meet the claims on the Fund for the present year, as application is to be made to admit on it another Minister who has served the Church for many years; and that it is therefore necessary that immediate steps be taken for replenishing their treasury. Some have suggested that each Minister should be required, as a condition, in order to his being admitted on this Fund, to contribute thereto, henceforth, a yearly sum of $4, and the Committee agreed to recommend this, though fully sensible that ministerial incomes are too low already, and that the Fund does not properly belong to Ministers, but to the Church, and that it should therefore bear the burden. But in addition, that a collection be appointed for this by the Synod, more or less often as it may deem proper, and that the Committee be authorised to seek subscriptions throughout the bounds of the Church, in order that the Fund may be placed as speedily as possible on a satisfactory footing.

The Committee are aware, that there is some difference of opinion in the Church as to the propriety of raising a Capital Fund, but your Committee think that it is most desirable to have this, if possible, with the view of ultimately relieving congregations altogether from supporting aged and infirm Ministers, and making the allowance from the Fund such, that Ministers will not be tempted to struggle on in charge of congregations when their inefficiency has become marked, and when partial relief from stated labour might prolong their lives, and usefulness, and they much doubt if this can be readily done while the Fund is dependent on an occasional collection.

The Committee would also recommend the following regulations for the management of the Fund:—

1st. That no Minister shall rank on it who enters the service of the Church after the age of fifty years.

2. That no one do so till he has served in it for ten years.

3. That every Minister invalided after ten years' service, shall receive from the Fund a sum not exceeding $100 yearly.

4. That for every year over ten which a Minister serves in it, before he is invalided, he shall receive, if the Fund admits of this, the sum of $8 yearly, till the sum of $200 is reached

5. That no one who is on this Fund shall engage in any employment, without the approval of the Committee.

6. That when application is made to admit a Minister on this Fund, the Committee have power to deal with his congregation, in order to arrange with them what amount he is to receive from said congregation, as a retiring allowance, and that no Presbytery dissolve a pastoral relation, on the ground of age and infirmity, without first communicating with the Committee for this end.

The Committee are aware that exceptional cases may occur which these regulations do not provide for, but they think it best to leave them to be determined and provided for as they enlarge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MACTAVISH, *Convener.*

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have issued a series of queries this year, similar to last year's, very much for the purpose of instituting a comparison between the reports of the two years. The comparison, however, must be necessarily imperfect, since only about one hundred of the congregations in the Synod have sent in returns. It is thus by adding one half to the returns, that anything like a reasonable approximation to the true extent of our Sabbath School and Bible Class operations can be attained. Very probably the figures will prove rather *under* than above the real amount, as there are many missionary stations where doubtless Sabbath Schools are in operation.

There is thus a total of 242 schools this year, against 225 of last year. The average attendance this year is 7,800, against 6,967 of last year. We have for this year a staff of teachers numbering 1,256, against 1,296 of last year. There are for this year 108 Libraries, with 26,560 volumes, against 22,276 last year. The Bible Classes stand at the same figure (180) for both years, with an average attendance of 3,052 for this year, against 2,875 last year. There is thus a marked increase in every respect.

The largest number of scholars in connection with any one congregation is 400 in St. Andrew's Church, London; the next in order being Knox's Church, Toronto, with 280 on the roll.

The largest number of Bible Class scholars in any congregation is 85 in Knox's Church, Toronto, though Knox's Church, Hamilton, Cobourg and St. Catherines, do not lag far behind.

Three-fourths of the Bible Classes are taught by the pastors, while not a few elders and females co-operate in this good work.

More than half the Schools form a system of lessons for themselves. The system of the Edinburgh Sabbath School Union, of the Family Treasury, of Kennedy's Evangelizer, as also those published by Mr. Arnott, Mr. Gregg and Mr. Topp, are in use. The desirableness of having a uniform system of lessons, prepared by the Synod, and used in all our schools, is thus apparent.

The Catechism is used in nearly all our schools, almost the only exception being where Union schools have been established, which are attended by about 400 of our children.

Nearly all the schools take some periodicals for children, among which the Presbyterian Sunday School Visitor, the Child's and Children's Papers, are in most extensive circulation.

Almost all the schemes of our Church have been aided by our Sabbath Schools, whilst contributions have also been made to local missionary efforts, to the Syrian Relief Fund, to Father Chiniquy's mission, and other foreign missionary operations. The Sabbath School of Knox's Church, Toronto, heads the list with $90; that of Knox's Church, Hamilton, follows with $64; and the Cobourg Sabbath School gives to missionary purposes $46 90.

The oldest Sabbath School is that of Brockville, which dates back forty-six years. The next oldest are those of St. Gabriel-street, Montreal, and Prescott, which have been established for forty years. A large proportion have been established within the last few years.

Though no special work of grace is reported in connection with any of our Sabbath Schools, nearly all the returns state that the children are making decided progress in Bible knowledge, and that the Sunday School and Bible Class furnish many additions to the membership of our Church.

While there is nothing to boast of, there is thus much to encourage all engaged in this interesting field, and to induce us to labour and pray with increasing earnestness, that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

Your Committee conclude their Report with the following suggestions:

1. That the Synod enjoin that the Catechism be taught in every school.
2. That a system of lessons be prepared by the Synod, to be used in all our schools.
3. That the teachers be recommended to hold regular meetings, for prayer, conference, and the preparation of lessons.
4. That the Synod recommend that an opportunity be presented to all our Sabbath School children, to contribute to missionary objects.

All which is respectfully submitted by

JAMES K. SMITH,
Convener of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Foreign Mission Committee beg leave to report, that in accordance with the instructions of last Synod, the Foreign Mission Committee of the Nova Scotian Church were informed through your convener that, while rejoicing in their missionary endeavours, having selected British Columbia as the field of our operations, we were not prepared, for the present at least, to co-operate with them in maintaining a mission among the members of the Greek Church, in Turkey.

At the meeting of your committee in October, it was unanimously resolved, that in view of the union so soon to be consummated, the designation of a missionary or missionaries to British Columbia be deferred till after that event.

Your Committee earnestly trust that an epoch so memorable in our ecclesiastical history be solemnized by the infusion of a fresh missionary spirit, and the formal inauguration of this long delayed mission to our scattered brethren according to the flesh, as well as to the degraded aborigines of a land which may yet constitute the great highway of the nations.

Your Committee are delighted to learn that our beloved sister-church in Ireland, have taken the initiative in this noble enterprize, and we have the fullest confidence that their esteemed missionary, now doubtless at Victoria, and whomsoever our United Church may send, will cordially co-operate in this unfurling and upholding of the banner of our common Presbyterianism. Your committee are of opinion that an effort should be made at once to occupy New Westminister, the capital of British Columbia, which is fast rising into importance, and where much religious destitution exists, and whence our influence would radiate throughout the entire surrounding country.

Other denominations have preceded us, who, by their energy and zeal should provoke us to this good work. If what we do, be not done quickly, the opportunity may be lost. May the right man soon be found offering himself willingly for this work, saying, "Here am I, send me."

ROBERT F. BURNS, *Convener.*

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BUXTON MISSION.—1861.

The Financial Committee of the Buxton Mission have to report the following particulars:

1. As the result of Mr. King's late visit to Britain, on behalf of the mission there, has been raised for building purposes the sum of $4,183 38, after deducting as expenses for travelling and printing $1,209 23; and, as an annual grant from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, there has been obtained for the general support of the mission, the sum of $730. There have also been received five hundred volumes for the library of the mission.

2. The Committee agreed to allow Mr. King his ordinary stipend for the time occupied during his second visit to Britain. As the time so occupied was spent for the interest of the mission, and as, during his absence, Mr. King's household at Buxton had to be kept up as usual, it was thought but justice that there should be no suspension of the regular stipend. The Committee also agreed that Mr. Forrest, who performed the duties of the mission in Mr. King's absence, should receive a salary at the rate of $320 per annum.

3. The Committee appointed the salary of the present male teacher, Mr. Gracey, at $300 per annum, together with what may be raised in the form of school fees; and considering that the attendance is frequently greater than one teacher can properly instruct, and also considering it important that the girls should be instructed in useful needlework, the Committee agreed to allow $200 per annum as salary to a female teacher.

4. Though the money lately raised in Britain was intended for the erection of a new church and school-house, the Committee have not thought it proper that the erection of these buildings should be immediately commenced; but they have in the meantime made arrangements for the getting out of timber to the value of $325, that, should the Synod in another year sanction the erection of the buildings, the material may be properly seasoned. And as the present church and school-house were quite uncomfortable, from the roofs and floors being much damaged, $150, taken from the building fund, have been spent in repairing them.

5. The aggregate of moneys allotted, as mentioned in the foregoing statements, exceeds the $900 allowed from the Synod Fund for the support of the mission; but as the $730 granted by the Presbyterian Church of Scotland goes to the general support of the mission, the expenditure from the Synod Fund proper will be nearly $400 less than the amount allowed.

6. Of the amount raised for building purposes, $2,258 are in the hands of the Committee, which is placed out on security, at an interest of 10 per cent. The balance is in the hands of the Agent of the Church, and has been temporarily invested until required.

JOHN SCOTT, *Convener.*

REPORT ON ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY RECORD.

As will be seen from the printed accounts of the church, the receipts account of the *Record* for the past year have been $1591,62, and the expenditure, including $450 on account of the salary of the general agent of the church, and $100 on account of office expenses has been $1715 82, leaving a balance at debit of $124 20. This balance is somewhat less than the balance due last year. There are arrears due for more than equal to pay the balance and defray the expenses of publication till the end of the volume.

The subscription list stands at somewhat upwards of 5000. The number printed is 5280, a considerable number of spare copies being always necessary to supply missing parcels, make up sets and supply new subscribers.

It will be for the Synod to determine in what form and on what footing the *Record* shall henceforth be continued. It will, however, be desirable that the present volume shall be completed in the present form, as many subscribers have paid till the end of the volume.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. BURNS, *Convener.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have endeavored, during the past year, as far as possible, to collect the debts due, and to dispose of the books on hand. The sum of $474 80, including a balance of cash on hand since last year to the amount of $25 72, has been received in Hamilton. The farther sum of $78 14 has been received for books, through Mr. Reid; also, through the same, the sum of $254 01, from the Presbytery of London, for books; also, through Mr. Reid, the sum of $808 70, for collections; being in all $1,615 65. There has been paid, of this sum, $1,244 55 to Messrs. Nelson & Sons; $157 72 to Messrs. Carter & Bro.; $166 08 to Presbyterian Board of Publication; together with exchange on draft to Nelson & Sons, $3 23, and for postage 87c.; in all $1572 45; leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $43 20.

There are now in the hands of Ministers books still unpaid for to the amount of $682; also other sums due to the amount of $189 on old accounts, which can be collected; also $194 75 on books sent out recently by Mr. Maclellan; and still on hand at Mr. Maclellan's the sum of $625; in all $1,689 75; but of this probably not more than one half can be realized. The Committee, however, believe that if even this sum could be realized without much delay, they would be able to settle with Messrs. Nelson & Sons, who are now the only parties to whom they are indebted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID INGLIS, *Convener.*

REASONS OF DISSENT BY MR. DANIEL GORDON.

I do hereby enter my dissent from the decision come to by the special meeting of Synod held in the month of October last, anent the Basis of Union between this Church and the United Presbyterian Church, for the following reasons, viz.:

1st. That the Synod, by the said decision, violated and ignored the "Barrier Act," inasmuch as the Basis of Union, in its new form, *i. e.*, with its new clause or preamble, was adopted as a satisfactory basis of union without submitting it to all the Sessions and Presbyteries of the Church for their approval.

2nd. That the Synod, by adopting the Basis of Union in its enlarged form, has fallen from its former testimony with regard to the doctrine of Christ's headship over the nations, inasmuch as it grants to the United Presbyterian Church, to the fullest extent, all that was asked as terms of union, viz., that the practical application of said doctrine should be made a matter of forbearance.

3rd. The Synod, in adopting the Basis in its altered form, has, therefore, compromised this principle, and ignored all its contendings for said principle since the year it declared that Dr. Ferrier, for claiming then what it now freely concedes, be no longer a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

D. GORDON, *Minister.*

ANSWERS TO REASONS OF DISSENT BY MR. DANIEL GORDON.

I. To the first reason it is replied, that the adoption of the preamble to the Basis of Union, by the Synod which met in October last, was not contrary to the provisions of the Barrier Act, inasmuch as said preamble does not alter any "standing law or rule" of the Church "on any matter pertaining to doctrine, discipline, government, or worship," as is specified by said Act; but is simply a declaration of the sense in which the Synod accepts and receives the articles of Union, which articles had, in terms of the Barrier Act, been submitted to and approved of by all the Presbyteries of the Church; such declarative statement being in perfect accordance with the uniform practice of the Supreme Court, and the acknowledged constitution of the Church.

II. To the statement of the second reason—viz., "that the Synod, by adopting the Basis of Union in its enlarged form, has fallen from its former testimony with regard to the doctrine of Christ's headship over the nations"—it is replied, that such allegation has no foundation in fact. No former testimony of the Church, in regard to said doctrine, has in any degree been fallen from. On the contrary, the Basis contains as full and distinct a declaration of that doctrine, as is to be found in any of the standards or constitutional declarations of the Church. It is further denied that in the Basis of Union "the practical applications of said doctrine are made a matter of forbearance." Nothing contained in the Basis warrants any such statement or inference. The meaning of the preamble is manifestly, not that forbearance is to be exercised towards manifest departures from acknowledged practical applications of the doctrine in question, but that unanimity of opinion is not required by the Church, on matters that may be alleged by one party or another, to be practical applications of said doctrine;—in other words, a latitude of opinion is allowed as to what may or may not be regarded as practical applications of the doctrine in question; but the Synod reserves to itself its constitutional prerogative, as the Supreme Court of the Church, judicially to determine, in any case that may arise, what is or is not a legitimate practical application of said doctrine. The doctrine of Christ's headship over the nations, is thus placed precisely in the same position as are all the other doctrines of the Church's Confession.

III. In reply to the third reason, it is simply denied that the Synod, in adopting the Basis of Union, has compromised any principle, or ignored any of its past

contendings. The judicial case referred to in this reason, has no apparent bearing upon the question at issue.

Montreal, June 6th, 1861.

REASONS OF DISSENT BY MESSRS. A. D. McDONALD, J. FERGUSON, AND ARCHIBALD YOUNG.

I. That the adoption of the preamble is in direct violation of the Barrier Act, which provides that all such questions, before being finally adopted, be sent down for the consideration, approval or disapproval of Presbyteries and Sessions; but said preamble has been adopted and incorporated into the Basis of Union, without being submitted for aforesaid consideration.

II. That the third paragraph of said preamble—beginning with the words "Further, that," &c.—opens a door for the entrance of error, the correction or consideration of which it prevents, inasmuch as said paragraph stipulates "that unanimity of sentiment is not expected."

III. That this Church has at different times given strong testimony on certain applications of the doctrine contained in the fourth article of the Basis; but the preamble, as now worded, and as it stands in connexion with the Basis, sets aside such testimonies, and gives liberty with impunity to persons in same communion to hold and maintain applications directly contrary to such testimonies.

IV. That in the preamble, the Synod of this Church is asserting a right which the Head of the Church has never given to any Court. This is done, inasmuch as on the one hand the Synod declares that the Basis contains and expresses truths taught in the Bible, while on the other hand the preamble gives liberty to depart from such truths. This, we maintain, is a power never given to any Church Court.

A. D. McDonald.
James Ferguson.
Archibald Young.

ANSWERS TO REASONS OF DISSENT BY THE REV. A. D. McDONALD, JAMES FERGUSON AND ARCHIBALD YOUNG.

I. The first reason being the same as the first by Mr. Gordon, the same reply is given to it as is given to Mr. Gordon's.

II. To the second reason it is replied, that the third paragraph of the preamble to the Basis of Union, neither "opens a door to the entrance of error," nor prevents "the correction or consideration" of error when it arises; but, on the contrary, it expressly provides that every case of supposed error, either in regard to the principle involved, or its applications, shall be judicially dealt with by the Courts of the Church, in accordance with their usual forms and processes. The doctrine of Christ's headship over the nations is thus placed precisely in the same position as every other doctrine of the Church's Confession. It is further replied, that want of unanimity, in regard to practical applications of this or any other doctrine of the Church, cannot be regarded as in itself an error. On this as well as on other doctrines, some latitude of opinion may be justly allowed, without hazard to the integrity of the Church's Confession, so long as the Supreme Court reserves to itself the right and prerogative judicially to determine what in any given case may or may not be a departure from the doctrines of the standards.

III. To the third reason it is replied, that, inasmuch as the "*certain applications* of the doctrine contained in the fourth article of the Basis," on which, at different times, it is alleged, "this Church has given strong testimony," are not specified in the reason, no judgment can consequently be formed as to whether that "strong

testimony" is or is not set aside by the preamble; nor, in the absence of such specification, can it be ascertained in what respect, if any, said preamble permits persons to hold views contrary to such testimony. The Committee are, however, not aware of *any* testimony of the Church which the preamble sets aside, or permits to be set aside by any of its members

IV. The statement contained in this reason, to the effect that the preamble gives a liberty to depart from truths which the Basis declares to be taught in the Bible, is an allegation founded on an entire misconception of the meaning and intention of said preamble. To this reason it is replied, first, that it does not specify the truths in the Basis, from which the preamble permits a departure; secondly, it is denied that any such contradiction exists between the articles and the preamble. The latter is simply a declaration of the sense in which the Synod accepts and receives the said articles, and of the way in which differences of opinion, that may at any time arise, in regard to the applications of the doctrine of the fourth article, may be judicially considered and determined. All this is agreeable to the constitution and practice of the Church, and is wrongfully alleged to be the exercise of any power not given to the Church by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Montreal, 6th June, 1861.

PROTEST AND REMONSTRANCE BY MR. LACHLAN McPHERSON.

Whereas a union with the United Presbyterian Church has been finally resolved upon by this Synod—the time and circumstances of such union being now definitely announced—and believing, as I firmly do, that the said union in the circumstances thereof is sinful, and highly dishonouring to the Great Head of the Church; and whereas the Synod has distinctly refused to entertain any proposition for the removal of that from the Basis of Union which is more particularly complained against; I hereby, in my own name, and in name of all who may herein adhere to me, solemnly protest and remonstrate against the said union; which protest and remonstrance is more particularly grounded on the following considerations, viz.:

1. That while the Synod has had the subject of union under consideration during a number of years, and has from time to time during that period taken legislative action upon it, and finally decreed its consummation, it has never, up to the present moment, brought the matter before the members and adherents of the Church. It has adopted no measures to enlighten them on the nature and bearings of the case, nor has it even deigned to apprise them of the fact of such a change in our ecclesiastical relations being under its consideration. It has persistently, throughout, ignored the body of the Church, as thoroughly as if it had no interest in the case, or had any right to say or do anything in the matter; whereas, from its very nature, and the momentous interests and changes involved in it, it ought to have been laid before the people, and their consent to the proposed change obtained, before the Church Courts had assumed the matter for legislation and final decision. That in consequence of the course thus pursued, a large proportion of the people are simply borne into the union *passively*, and unconscious of the nature of the change that has taken place; while thousands of others, who have had better opportunities of knowing, feel deeply aggrieved, finding their sacred rights and dearest interests assumed by the Synod, and legislated upon without their consent; and a new order of things, to which they never would have given their consent, even had it been asked, forced upon them, and themselves dragged into a union, the terms of which they cannot but view with deep loathing and sorrow. That in prosecuting and finally concluding a union, involving, in the first instance, a dissolution of the Church as it presently exists, the doing away with its ecclesiastical identity and relations, besides a change in its doctrinal standards, without having previously either sought or obtained the consent of the body of the Church thereto, the Synod

has thereby assumed a power which belongs to no church court on earth—a power essentially Popish, and subversive of the sacred rights and liberties of the members of the Church. That in thus claiming and exercising a proprietory right in the Church, and assuming a power of legislation within the sacred domain of conscience, the Synod has thereby exercised a lordship over the heritage of God, and claimed a dominion over the faith of his people, which are expressly forbidden in the Divine word.

2. That in carrying the Union through by the mere force of vote, in the face of a most earnest resistance and remonstrance, the Synod has therein manifested a heartless indifference to the conscientious convictions and deep feeling of a large minority of their own brethren—convictions and feelings in which the majority themselves professed to have shared in common with them only but comparatively a short time before. That the Synod, by the decision thus come to, forced upon these brethren the alternative of either entering into the Union with a wounded conscience, or of remaining in a state of separation from the United Church; either of which evils was more than the Synod had a right, in the circumstances, to impose upon them, or upon any one of its members. That in thus virtually thrusting out their own brethren to make room for strangers, they violated most sacred obligations, arising out of the fraternal connection in which their brethren stood to them, and in which they had hitherto lived with them in good faith. That the conduct of the Synod in this matter was at once most unnatural, and utterly at variance with every dictate of equity and right feeling, not to say most inconsistent with the object it professed to seek at the time.

3. That in adopting the "Basis of Union" in its finally amended form, the Synod has compromised the whole matter at issue, and virtually relinquished all that it contended for from the beginning, by agreeing to the terms of union proposed by the United Presbyterian Church at the first, viz., mutual forbearance on the practical applications of the doctrine of Christ's headship over the nations; which forbearance, in the sense in which it was then understood, and now finally agreed to, the Synod most explicitly declared could not be granted by this Church, consistently with her regard to the sacredness of truth and her obligations to her Divine Head. How the Synod has since come to view the matter in a different light, and to regard as scriptural and right what it then declared would be sinful, remains for the Synod itself to explain. But certain it is that the doctrine of Christ's headship of the nations ceases, from the moment of union, to be a doctrine of the Church in any of its practical applications, or in any sense whatever other than that in which it would be said to have been *ever* the doctrine of the United Presbyterian Church. It ceases to be a doctrine of the Church in the sense in which it was regarded to be the doctrine of the Free Church of Scotland, or of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, inasmuch as the preamble, which is itself really the Basis of Union, expressly provides that no man in the Church need acknowledge it in any practical form whatever, and consequently that no obligation of a practical nature arising out of it is or shall be binding on the conscience of the Church itself. It is impossible to conceive how any greater indignity could be put upon divine truth, than that which the Synod has put upon the doctrine of Christ's headship of the nations, in consenting to place it in the humiliating position which it occupies in the Basis of Union—a position which, it is but little to say, is most unbefitting the high authority and majesty of divine truth.

4. That the Synod, in adopting the preamble above referred to, has not only relinquished the doctrine in question, and with it the prominently favorable position in which a gracious Providence has placed us in this land as a Church, but at the same time has ventured upon the bold step of cancelling and setting aside what itself the same moment declares to be the will of God. When once the truth is known, and when the Church has acknowledged it to be the truth of God, it is from that moment forth bound to submit itself to its authority and guidance; and it has no right to take exception to it, nor grant dispensations from the obligations thereof either to

itself or to any other. But it is its duty, as it also ought to regard it as its high privilege and glory, to hold it forth, to witness for it, and to claim for it the full confidence and obedience of all men.

In view of these things, I do most solemnly enter my protest against the course pursued by the Synod in this matter, as involving manifest injustice towards the body of the Church, as also towards a minority of the members of Synod, but more especially as being highly dishonouring to the Son of God, the great and glorious Head and Saviour of the Church, inasmuch as that the doctrine which asserts his claims as King of nations is placed in a position in which it ceases henceforth to be binding on the conscience of the Church.

Montreal, June 6th, 1861. LACHLAN MCPHERSON.

ANSWERS TO REASONS OF PROTEST AND REMONSTRANCE BY THE REV. L. MCPHERSON.

In reply to the statements contained in the introduction to these Reasons, it is distinctly denied that the union of the churches is in any of the circumstances of it either sinful or dishonouring to the Great Head of the Church, or such as to warrant the terms and statements contained in this protest. The church has, it may justly be said, ever had prayerfully in view, in all its actings in the matter of union, the honor of Jesus Christ, and the authority of the Word of God.

I. The first reason proceeds on the assumption that the Synod has taken no means to enlighten the members of the church, on the subject of the Union, and the grounds on which it was based. To this allegation it is replied, that the proceedings of the Synod in regard to the Union, and to its terms, have, in every instance, been published in the *Record*, the official organ of the church, and in its printed minutes, copies of which were sent to every Minister and Elder of the church. The Articles of Union have besides been, in terms of the Barrier Act, submitted to all the Presbyteries of the Church; they were also sent to all the Church Sessions as the constitutional representatives of congregations, it being distinctly understood at the time, that each remit to Sessions, was ordered mainly with the view of having said Articles submitted to the several Congregations of the Church: in no other way could the Synod officially communicate with the members of the Church. The results of these steps were, that all the Presbyteries of the Church approved of the Articles of Union, eighty-eight out of ninety-five sessions sending returns, also approved of said articles; many returns were also received from congregations through their sessions, approving of the Articles. Every opportunity was thus given both to the office-bearers and members of the Church, to become acquainted with the terms of the Union, and to approve or disapprove of the same. While, further, many petitions were sent from the Congregations to the Synod urging forward the union of the Churches, not one has been sent of a contrary kind. It may therefore be averred, that the utmost publicity has been given by the Synod to all its proceedings in the matter of union, and every constitutional means used to make known the principles and terms of said Union to the Church at large.

It is further replied, that the Basis of Union does not, as this reason alleges, impose any new order of things upon the Church, or affirm any new doctrine; nor does it deprive its members of any right, privilege, or position, which they formerly enjoyed. The Union does not either contemplate the dissolution of the Church as it at present exists, or interfere with its ecclesiastical identity any further than is implied in the adoption of a new name. The relations which it introduces to other churches are, besides, only such as are called for by a regard to the authority of God's Word, and to the claims of Christian affection.

To allege, as is done in this reason, that the action of the Synod in the matter of this Union "is subversive of the rights and liberties of the Church," is to make a statement which indicates a serious misconception both of the proceedings, and of the constitution of the church. In all things the Synod has acted strictly within the limits of the Constitution, and in accordance with its convictions of the requirements of the Word of God; to the authority of which it could not without sin refuse to submit. That the Synod and Church in their careful, deliberate, constitutional and prayerful actings, in regard to union, have, as this reason declares, "exercised a lordship over the heritage of God," or "claimed a dominion over the faith of his people," is a statement contrary to the manifest facts of the case, and a license of language justly open to censure.

II. To the second reason, it is replied, that the Synod knows of no other method by which to conduct its procedure than by the ruling of a majority of its members. There is no other scriptural or constitutional way by which the mind of the Church can be expressed or known, or by which the church can act. But in so acting it is denied, that the Synod has been arbitrary or precipitate. On the contrary not the least check has been placed upon the freedom of debate, and all the safe-guards which the Constitution provides for the exoneration of conscience by dissentient brethren, have been sacredly and indulgently maintained.

This reason, besides, seems to proceed on the assumption, that simply on account of the objections and feelings of a small minority of the brethren, it would be right for the Synod to refrain from doing that which, in its deliberate judgment, it considered to be in accordance with the mind and will of God, as set forth in his word. This is an assumption which, if acted on, would lead to confusion in the Church's councils, and often place it in a posture of opposition to the commands of God. It may confidently be averred that every principle of equity, and dictate of right feeling, has been carefully regarded by the Synod, in all its proceedings in the matter of Union; and it may fearlessly leave the result of its actings in the hands of the Head of the Church, humbly confident that He will in His providence justify the wisdom and uprightness of its procedure.

III. This third reason will best be answered by a direct and decided denial of its allegations and conclusions. They represent in a most unfair and imperfect aspect the sense of the Basis of Union, and the procedure of the Church in regard to it. The style of remark, besides, in which this reason indulges, must be noted as highly disrespectful to the Church, and gratuitously regardless of the feelings of brethren.

IV. In reply to the fourth reason, it is declared, that the Synod, in adopting the Basis of Union, has not relinquished any doctrine which it ever held, or position which it ever occupied. It is besides painful to be called upon to deny that it has, as the reason alleges, "cancelled any truths of the word of God," or "granted dispensation from the obligations thereof." Such statements are unmerited accusations against the brethren, and manifest a presumption on the part of their author deserving of grave censure. It is only by the exercise of great indulgence that the Synod can accept a protest couched in terms so extreme and unguarded as this is, and in its whole tenor so calculated to wound the feelings of brethren, whose prayer and endeavor has been, as the author must be aware, throughout all the negotiations of union, to honor the mediatorial prerogatives of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to promote the glory of His kingdom.

It is declared, in conclusion, that in this matter of Union, no injustice has been done by the Synod or Church to any body of its people, or any minority of its members;—on the contrary, every indulgence has been shewn to dissentient brethren, and every liberty granted them to act according to the dictates of their conscience. It will be regretted if they cannot agree, or go along with us; but they have no just ground of complaint that the Church cannot and will not agree with them, or act as they dictate. The Synod has every reason to believe that in the consummation of this Union, God will be honored, the name and prerogative of Christ glorified, and the teaching of the Holy Spirit made clearly manifest.

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"The Synod called for the Reports of the Committees appointed to examine the various Presbytery Records, and of the Committee appointed to examine the Synod Records.

"The Reports were given in and sustained, and the Records ordered to be attested in terms of the several Reports."

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**** *The figures prefixed mark the number of Sederunts at which members were present.*

I. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Congregations.*	*Post Offices.*
6 James Skinner.....	6 A. J. Caverhill....	Eng. Settlement...	Birr.
" "	6 James Fraser	Bethel	
7 Alex. W. Waddell...	James Laird.....	Harwich	Ridgetown.
8 Wm. Inglis	John Bain.....	Woodstock	Woodstock.
J.J.A.Proudfoot, *C.*	Alex. Smith.....	London	London.
7 William Caven	Malcolm McCallum	St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's, Blan'd
8 William Walker	.....	Chatham	Chatham.
6 William Deas	6 John Ross.....	Warwick	Wisbeach.
" "	James Thornton ...	Adelaide	
7 John Fotheringham	Alex. Duncan.....	Hibbert.....	Cromarty.
6 Robert Hamilton...	James Muir	Downie	Avonbank.
" " ...	John Caven	Fullarton.....	
7 Stephen Balmer.....	Thomas Cavel.....	Detroit.....	Detroit, Mich.
6 William Fletcher ...	6 Robert Scott.....	Carlisle.....	Falkirk.
7 Robert Hall	David Chalmers.....	Nissouri	St. Mary's, Bl'd.
" "	T. Fotheringham...	Fish Creek	
	6 Robert Fleming ...	Westminster	London.
	Alex. Bartlett.....	Windsor	Windsor.
	Wm. Webster.....	Florence	Florence.
		Bothwell	Bothwell.
		Delaware.....	
		Lambeth	
		Grant Co., Wis.....	

II. PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

Thomas Christie ...	.....	West Flamboro' ...	West Flamboro'.
6 John Porteous, *Clk*	6 John Malcolm	Beverly	Kirkwall.
6 Wm. M. Christie ...	5 James Walker	Chippawa	Chippawa.
" " ...	.....	Crowland.....	
7 Wm. Ormiston, D.D	3 C. McQuesten	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.
6 John Lees.....	6 John Robertson	Ancaster Village ..	Ancaster.
" "	6 John Walker.....	" East.....	
" "	6 Robert Forbes.....	" West	
6 Robert Hume, M.A.	6 Robert Christie	St. George	St. George.
		Caledonia	
		Indiana	
		Oneida.....	
	6 Wm. Richmond.....	West Dumfries.....	Ayr.
		Thorold.....	Thorold.
		Drummondville ...	

III. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Congregations.*	*Post Offices.*
7 Alex. Kennedy.....	6 John Parker.....	Dunbarton, Canton	Dunbarton.
7 Wm. Fraser	6 John Cerswell	West Gwillimbury	Bondhead.
" "	6 James Dickson.....	Essa.....	
6 David Coutts.....	6 James Young.....	1st Chinguacousy..	Mayfield.
" "	James Nelson.....	2d Chinguacousy..	
4 John Jennings, D.D	6 James Alexander...	1st Toronto.....	Toronto.
6 Peter Glassford	6 William Archer	Vaughan	Coleraine.
" "	John Dalziel.....	Albion	
7 James Dick, *Clerk.*	Benjamin Jenkins..	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill.
7 John Baird, A.M...	6 James Allison.....	Erskine Ch., Pic'g	Claremont.
" " ...	Wm. Young	Claremont.....	
5 J.F.A.S.Fayette,MA	James Agnew	1st Tecumseth	Tottenham.
" "	Samson Steel.....	2nd Tecumseth.....	
7 James Pringle	6 James Haggart.....	Brampt. & Tor. Tp.	Brampton.
7 Alex. McFaul..	Samuel Johnson ...	Caledon.....	Caledon.
" "	Thos. Buckham.....	Orangeville.....	
Vacant Congregations	3 William Kerr.....	2nd Toronto	Toronto.
	Henry Stewart.....	King.....	King.
	James Marsh.....	Laskey.....	Laskey.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

7 W.Taylor,D.D., *Clk*	7 J. C. Becket.....	Montreal	Montreal.
7 John Morrison	Thos. Rutherford...	Waddington	Waddington, N. Y.
7 Jas. Watson, A.M..	4 Wm. White.....	Huntingdon	Huntingdon.
7 John Mackie.....	John McOuat.....	Lachute.....	Lachute.
7 Robert Binnie	2 John Murray.....	New Glasgow	New Glasgow.
		Mille Isles	

V. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

6 James Mackintosh..	.....	Amherst Island ...	Amherst Island.
6 R.H.Thornton,D.D.	6 John Michael.....	Whitby	Oshawa.
5 John Cassie, A.M...	4 John Lees.....	Port Hope	Port Hope.
George Lawrence...	John Hillen	Clark.....	Orono.
6 Wm. Aitken.....	6 George Foster.....	Smith's Falls.....	Smith's Falls.
6 John Ewing	6 Thomas Best	Emily	Mount Pleasant.
James R. Scott.....	4 Samuel Martin	Perrytown	Perrytown.
" "	Arch. Trew	Oakhills	
6 John Scott.....	6 — Ballantyne	Napanee	Napanee.
" "	6 — Chinery	Ernestown	
7 Robert Monteath...	3 John McGill.....	Prince Albert.....	Prince Albert.
5 John M. King, A.M.	6 Robert Ratcliff.....	Columbus	Columbus.
6 George Riddell.....	6 Wm. Mitchell.....	Newton & Newcas.	Clarke.
3 John Patterson.....	John Murdoch.....	Verulam	Lindsay.
" "	.....	Bobcaygeon.....	
6 Robert Scott.....	.....	Pakenham.....	Pakenham.
" "	.....	Arnprior	
	....	Camden	
		Sheffield	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Congregations.*	*Post Offices.*
6 John Duff	6 John Keith.....	Elora	Elora.
" "	Robert McCrae	Alma	
7 Wm. Barrie	Thomas Armstrong	Eramosa	Guelph.
6 Robert Torrance ...	6 James Armstrong ..	Guelph	Guelph.
John James	4 James Dalgleish ...	Galt	Galt.
	John Stewart	Esquesing	Stewarton.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

5 Joseph Young	6 Adam Ker	Brantford.....	Brantford.
6 David Caw	6 — Telfer	Paris	Paris.
7 Thomas Lowry.....	Alex. Rae.....	Mornington.....	West's Corners.
7 A. A. Drummond...	George Worsley.....	Shakespeare	Shakespeare.
" " ...	6 Peter Stewart.....	North Easthope ...	
7 Arch. Cross	6 Wm. Harkness.....	Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
7 John Dunbar, *Clerk*	6 James Smith	Glenmorris	Glenmorris.
4 Gilb. Tweedie, M.D	Arch. McLaren.....	Tilsonburg	Dereham.
" "	John Allison.....	Culloden	
6 W. Robertson, M.A	John Shiel	Blandford	Chesterfield.
Wm. Peattie.....	George Bryce.....	Mount Pleasant ...	Mohawk.
6 Wm. Donald.....	6 James Barr	Norwichville.....	Norwichville.
" "	.....	Windham.....	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

4 Thomas Stevenson..	2 David Christie.....	Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
3 Walter Inglis	Wm. Miller	Kincardine	Kincardine.
" "	John Moffatt	McKinney's Corn's	
4 Robt. Dewar, *Clerk*	4 George Harkness...	Lake Shore.....	Leith.
Robt. C. Moffatt ...	Robert Gouinlock .	Walkerton	Walkerton.
	Robert Young.....	Southampton	Southampton.
	James Rowand.....	Dunblane..	
	Malcolm McGill ...	West Brant	Dunkeld.
	James Milligan	Normanby	Bentinck.
	George Cromar.....	Riversdale	Riversdale.
	Wm. Pringle.....	Culross	Teeswater.
	Ebenezer Clarke ...	Meaford	Meaford.
	David Black.....	Euphrasia	Euphrasia.
	John Gervie.....	North Brant	Vesta.
	Robert Kane.....	West Bentinck	

IX. PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

James Duncan	James Pollok	Bayfield.	Bayfield
John Logie, *Clerk* ..	George Thomson...	Warrensville.	Rodgerville.
" "	.....	Thames Road	
5 Matthew Barr.....	David Campbell ...	McKillop.	Harpurhey.
5 Wm. C. Young.....	Taylor.....	Turnberry.	Morrisbank.
		Grey.	
	6 H. D. Cameron	Howick.	
		Goderich.	Goderich.
		Brucefield.	Brucefield.
		Orange Hill.	
		Minto.	
		Francistown.	
		Exeter	

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

The Rev. Andrew Kennedy,..... *London.*

The Rev. Charles Fletcher, ... *Goderich.*

PROBATIONERS.

Mr. William Clark, Rev. Patrick Greig, Messrs. Peter Goodfellow, James Howie, George Irving, Donald McLean, James Milligan, Robert Renwick, Rev. Robert Rodgers, Messrs. John Scott, John Turnbull, David Waters, Joseph White, Thomas Wilson, Rev. Walter Scott, Rev. George Murray.

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I.—SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, *Tuesday, June* 4, 1861.
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and, after sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Alex. A. Drummond, from Exo. xxxiii. 14, was constituted.

The Roll of Synod, compiled from the Rolls furnished by Presbytery Clerks, was called and marked. Roll called.

The following changes, affecting the Roll of Synod and the list Changes.

of Probationers, were reported by Presbyteries, as having occurred since last meeting, namely:

Ordinations. That there had been three ordinations:—William Donald, Norwichville, in the Presbytery of Brant, Oct. 31, 1860; Robert Scott, Pakenham, in the Presbytery of Durham, Nov. 23, 1860; Robert Binnie, New Glasgow, in the Presbytery of Canada East, May 29, 1861.

Inductions. That there had been two inductions:—Gilbert Tweedie, M.D., Tilsonburg and Culloden, in the Presbytery of Brant, March 4, 1861; Thomas Lowry, Mornington and Gamble Settlement, in the same Presbytery, April 30, 1861.

Translations That there had been two translations:—William Inglis, from Westminster to Woodstock, in the Presbytery of London, August 7, 1860; Alex. A. Drummond, from Mornington to Shakspeare, in the Presbytery of Brant, Nov. 14, 1860.

Death. That one Minister had been removed by death:—Andrew Ferrier, D.D., of Caledonia, in the Presbytery of Flamboro', April 27, 1861.

Demissions. That three Ministers had demitted their charges, and had been loosed from the pastoral relation with their respective congregations:—Alexander Ritchie, West Dumfries, in the Presbytery of Flamboro', June 13, 1860; William Dickson, Thorold and Drummondville, in the same Presbytery, April 16, 1861; John Taylor, D.D. M.D., Toronto 2nd, in the Presbytery of Toronto, May 7, 1861; and that Robert C. Moffatt had demitted the charge of the congregations of North Brant and West Bentinck, in order to confine his services to Walkerton alone, Feb. 26, 1861.

Congregations erected That five new congregations had been erected:—Orange Hill and Minto, in the Presbytery of Huron, July 3, 1860; Bothwell, in the Presbytery of London, Jan. 8, 1861; King, in the Presbytery of Toronto, Feb. 5, 1861; Francistown and Exeter, in the Presbytery of Huron, April 2, 1861.

Preachers licensed. That seven Students had been licensed to preach the Gospel:

James Hanran, by the Presbytery of London, July 3, 1860; David Waters, by the Presbytery of London, October 30, 1860; George Irving, by the Presbytery of Toronto, October 16, 1860; Joseph White, by the Presbytery of Brant, May 1, 1861; John Turnbull, by the Presbytery of Brant, May 1, 1861; Peter Goodfellow, by the Presbytery of Toronto, May 7, 1861; James Milligan, by the Presbytery of Toronto, May 7, 1861.

Proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when, on motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Rev. R. H. Thornton, D.D., was unanimously chosen. Moderator elected.

Dr. Thornton not being present, Mr. Drummond was requested to keep the chair in the meantime. Mr. Drummond in chair.

The Clerk laid on the table a list of the business left unfinished at the last ordinary meeting of Synod, as also of Reports required to be given in by Presbyteries and Committees. Unfinished business.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Records of the several Presbyteries, namely:—Of London, Mr. Pringle and Dr. Ormiston; Flamboro', Messrs. Baird and Hall; Toronto, Messrs. Cross and Fotheringham; Canada East, Messrs. Dunbar and Waddell; Durham, Messrs. Dick and Caven; Wellington, Messrs. Kennedy and Watson; Brant, Messrs. Monteath and Morrison; Grey, Messrs. Barrie and Mackie; Huron, Messrs. Fotheringham and Hall. Minutes of Presbyteries, Committees to examine.

The above Committees were appointed to report on Thursday morning.

The Rev. R. Sedgewick, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, being present, was invited to take his seat in Synod and correspond. Rev. R. Sedgwick invited to correspond.

The Rev. Messrs. Barrie and Hall were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of the Synod, to-morrow morning. Devotions to conduct.

The Rev. Mr. Dick, by request, led in prayer; and the Moderator having pronounced the benediction, the Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow forenoon at 10 o'clock.

II.—SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, *Wednesday, June* 5, 1861.
10 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met. The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Thornton, of Whitby, being now present, took the chair, and opened the meeting with praise, singing Psalm cxxxii. 13–18, and, after reading the 52nd chapter of the book of Isaiah, constituted the Synod with prayer.

The Moderator was followed in devotional exercises by Messrs. Barrie and Hall.

The roll was called.

Address by Moderator.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, thanking them for the honor which they had conferred upon him by electing him to preside on an occasion so important and interesting as the present meeting.

The minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

Congregational Union, Letter from Rev. E. Barker.

Read and received a letter from the Rev. E. Barker, delegate of the Congregational Union of Canada, stating his inability to attend personally to discharge the duty assigned him, and conveying the warm fraternal regards of the Body with which he is connected to this Synod, and congratulating the Synod on the prospect of union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Dr. Ormiston to reply.

The Rev. Dr. Ormiston was appointed to reply to Mr. Barker's letter.

Rev. Mr. McColl and Rev. A. Kennedy to correspond.

The Rev. Mr. McColl, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of London, being present, were invited to take their seats in Synod and correspond.

Bills and Overtures Report.

Called for the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The report was given in by Mr. Dick, the Convener, in the following terms:

MONTREAL, June 4, 1861.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures report the following papers and business, and respectfully recommend that they be taken up in the order here stated, viz.:

I. Papers and business reported by the Clerk as left unfinished at last session.

1. Overture on employing a Church Agent, transmitted by Durham Presbytery.

2. Report of the Committee on the letter of the Chief Superintendent of Education.

II. Reports of Presbyteries and Standing Committees of Synod.

1. The Reports of Presbyteries on the Superintendence of Students.
2. Report of the Committee for the Distribution of Probationers.
3. Report of the Committee for the Reception of Ministers.
4. Report of the Committee on Theological Education.
5. Report of the Committee on Missions (for Wednesday evening).
6. Report of the Committee on Tricentenary (see Minutes, p. 358).
7. Report of the Committee on Proudfoot Testimonial (Min. p.393).

On motion, it was agreed to receive and adopt the report, and to sanction the order of business therein recommended. Report adopted.

Took up the first item in the report, namely, an overture from Dr. Thornton, transmitted by the Presbytery of Durham, anent the employment of a General Agent, for all the schemes of the Church, and which had been delayed at the last ordinary meeting of Synod. Church Agency dropped.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Torrance, it was agreed, That in view of the approaching union, and as the subject of this overture will necessarily come under the consideration of the United Synod, this Synod deem it inexpedient now to enter on the consideration of it.

Religious instruction in Schools.

Entered on the consideration of the report of the committee on the letter of the Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada, in relation to religious instruction in the Common Schools, the disposal of which report had been delayed at the meeting of Synod last year. (see p. 394 of printed Minutes).

On motion made and seconded, the report was adopted, and was and is of the purport following:

That while the Synod deprecate and oppose all State enactments enforcing religious exercises in the Common Schools, yet they think it right that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament should be read daily in them as a religious exercise; and that parents, teachers and trustees should use all their legitimate influence to effect this desirable and important object.

The Moderator announced that the Presbytery of Brant, and also the Presbytery of Durham, would meet in this church, at the close of the present Sederunt.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 3 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

III.—SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, *Wednesday, June* 5, 1861.
3 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Dr. Thornton, Moderator.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last Sederunt were read and approved.

The Moderator announced that to-morrow the Synod would meet at 9 o'clock in the morning, and adjourn at 1 o'clock, and meet again at 3 o'clock.

Called for the reports of Presbyteries on the Superintendence of Students of Divinity. Reports were given in as follows: Superintendence of Students.

The Presbytery of London reported that they had had under their inspection the following Students:—James Hanran, David Waters, James Malcolm, Mr. Murdoch, William Hay and Wm. Caven; that James Malcolm had not appeared before the Presbytery at all, and had been transferred to the Presbytery of Toronto on the 1st October; that William Caven had been received as a student at the same time; that Mr. Murdoch had performed satisfactorily all the exercises prescribed to him; that Mr. Hay had, at the earnest request of the congregation of Windsor, been located there since the beginning of November, and had laboured with much success, and most acceptably to the people; and that the Presbytery had not received Mr. Hay's trials for license, as there was no evidence that he had complied with the instructions of Synod, recorded on the 382nd page of the printed Minutes. London Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that they had had the following Students under their inspection, viz.:—Alexander Baird and John Harley, who had entered the Theological Hall for the first time last session; James Malcolm, student of the second year; William Richardson, student of the third year; and James Milligan and Peter Goodfellow, students of the fourth year; and that the Presbytery had heard the exercises and received the discourses prescribed by the Synod to students of their respective years. Toronto Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Brant reported, that Messrs. Joseph White and John Turnbull, students of Divinity, had been under their inspection during the past year. Brant Presbytery.

The report of the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers was called for; and the convener not being present, the Synod passed on to the next matter in the list.

The Committee for the Reception of Ministers reported, that they had held three meetings during the past year, and that the Ministers' Reception Com. Report.

following persons, having appeared, and having furnished certificates satisfactory to the committee, had been received as Probationers, namely: Mr. Binnie, Mr. Renwick, Rev. Patrick Greig, Rev. Gilbert Tweedie, M.D., Rev. Robert Rodgers, Mr. Robert Scott.

Theol. Ed. Com. Report.

Called for the report of the Committee on Theological Education. The report was handed in by the Rev. Dr. Thornton, and was read by the Clerk.

Approved, and ordered to be printed

On motion made and seconded, the report was received and approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Status of Students Com. on.

In regard to this report, and the disposal which should be made of the standing of students lately attending our Theological Hall,

It was moved by Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. Torrance, and agreed to, That a committee, composed of Messrs. King, Caven and Dick, and the mover, be appointed to classify the Theological students, and declare their status in the United Church; the committee to report at the afternoon Sederunt to-morrow.

The convener of the Distribution Committee being present, stated that the report of said committee was not quite ready. Further time was granted, and the report was ordered to be brought up in the evening.

Ministers without charge.

A question having arisen as to the position held by Ministers without charge, and what relation they should hold in reference to the proposed Union, it was agreed that in entering into the Union, a list of Ministers without charge be handed in along with the list of Ministers regularly on the roll of Synod; and that the Clerks of Presbyteries be requested to hand in, without delay, the names of Ministers *without charge* within their several bounds.

Dr. Wilkes to correspond.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, being present, was, on the request of the Rev. Dr. Taylor, invited to take a seat in Synod and correspond.

Called for the report of the Committee on the Tricentenary of the Scottish Reformation. The Rev. Dr. Ormiston, as convener of the committee, reported, that no occasion had arisen during the year, to call for action on their part, in accordance with the instructions given them by the Synod. Tricentenary Committee Report

Called for the report of the Committee on the Proudfoot Testimonial. Messrs. Caven and Skinner made verbal statements in relation thereto, which were received. On motion it was agreed to reëappoint the Committee long enough to remit the sums contributed towards the said testimonial fund (less the expenses incurred) to the several contributors. Proudfoot Testimonial.

The Rev. Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. Drummond, Barrie and Kennedy, were appointed a committee to draw up a minute expressive of the mind of the Synod as regards their high appreciation of the character of a worthy Father of this Church, lately deceased, namely, the Rev. Andrew Ferrier, D.D., of Caledonia. Dr. Ferrier Com. to draft Minute.

The Committee of Missions asked and obtained leave to retire, in order to complete their report.

At 6 o'clock the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

IV.—SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, *Wednesday, June* 5, 1861.
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met; and at the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Thomas Lowry led in prayer, constituting the Synod.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Rev. Mr. Paterson invited to correspond.

The Rev. Mr. Paterson, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, from St. Andrew's, was invited to sit in Synod as a corresponding member.

Missions Committee.

The report of the Committee of Missions and Statistics was read by the convener, the Rev. Mr. Torrance.

Report received.

On motion of Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Cross, the report was received, and the thanks of Synod were declared as justly due, and were and are hereby tendered to the convener, for the diligence and care with which he has performed the duties intrusted to him. Further, on motion made and seconded, the report, including the statistics, was adopted, and was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Adopted.

To be printed.

Audit Com. appointed.

Called for the Report of the Committee appointed last year to audit the accounts of the Treasurer. The Rev. Mr. Porteous stated that the Rev. Mr. James, the convener, with whom he had been associated as auditor, as was well known, had for some time back been in precarious health, and that nothing had been done with the accounts. The Rev. Mr. Drummond was then appointed to act with Mr. Porteous in examining the accounts of the Treasurer, and the Synod instructed them to give in their report of such examination as the first matter to-morrow afternoon.

Last Minute, Committee on.

The Clerk having suggested the expediency of considering in what form the closing proceeding of this Synod should be recorded, it was agreed to appoint the Rev. Mr. Torrance, as he is hereby appointed, to be associated with the Clerk in framing a minute, to constitute the final entry in the records of this Synod, before the completion of the Union.

Motion on Forms.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, and seconded, That the report of the Joint Committees, appointed at the *interim* meeting of Synod last October, on Forms and Processes, be now read.

Adjourn.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded, That the Synod do now adjourn. A vote being taken, the motion for adjournment was carried by a large majority.

The Moderator announced that the Presbytery of Flamboro' would meet in the vestry of the church to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock; and also, that the Presbytery of Durham would meet here at the close of this Sederunt.

Adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with the benediction.

V.—SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, *Thursday, June* 6, 1861.
9 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, singing hymn 377, and reading psalm 85, and prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

A question was put by Mr. Dewar, as to the position now occupied by the Committee of Missions of last year, and if any action could be taken by them in reference to business left unfinished? It was, thereupon agreed, that the Committee of Missions be rëappointed, and continue the performance of their functions to the close of the Synod. The Committee were requested to report at the commencement of the afternoon Sederunt. **Missions' Com. rëappointed pro tem.** **Requested to report, afternoon**

The report of the Committee for Distribution of Preachers was submitted, in terms following:— **Distribution Com. Report.**

The Committee of Distribution report, That they have during the past year followed the usual plan of appointing the Probationers to the several Presbyteries by rotation, giving to each Presbytery supply of preachers in proportion to the number of vacancies reported, and the number of preachers on the list.

There were eleven preachers on the list during the first quarter of the current year, ten during the second, and thirteen during the third and fourth quarters; and, in the month of May, four students were licensed, and their names placed on the list. There are presently fifteen preachers on the list, including those who have accepted calls and are about to be ordained. Their names are as follow:—William Clark, Patrick Greig, Peter Goodfellow, James Howie, Geo. Irving, James Milligan, Robert Renwick, Robert Rodgers, John Scott, John Turnbull, Donald McLean, David Waters, Joseph White, Thomas Wilson, Walter Scott.

Messrs. Geo. Irving and David Waters have received and accepted calls, and have requested that their names be withdrawn from the list of Probationers.

The following preachers have been ordained or inducted into pastoral charges, viz.:—Messrs. Bennie, Donald, Hanran, Paterson and Tweedie, and their names withdrawn from the list.

During the last year there have been seven Students licensed, and their names placed on the list.

The Committee would call the attention of the Synod to the fact that appointments for the present quarter will soon expire, and that arrangements should be made as soon as possible to supply the vacancies, and prevent any disappointments to the preachers.

Report received.

On motion made and seconded, the report was received and approved.

Dis. Com. continued, instruction to.

It was moved and seconded, and agreed to, That the Committee of Distribution be continued to the end of this Synod, and that the Committee be, and they are hereby instructed, to extend the appointments of preachers one month beyond the period to which they are now fixed.

Rev. J. Fraser removed from Synod Roll.

The Rev. Mr. Barr, from the Presbytery of Huron, stated that the Rev. John Fraser, of Goderich, had demitted his charge, and that, on account of the illness of the Clerk of Presbytery, the fact had not been communicated to the Synod. It was ordered that the name of Mr. Fraser, of Goderich, be removed from the roll of Synod.

Inquiry was made as to what action should be taken relative to the list of probationers, in reference to the law of Synod limiting the term of probation. On this question, it was moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Hall,—Transmit to the Synod of the United Church the list of preachers, specifying the names of those individuals who are now affected by the law of this Church regarding the term of probation.

Probation of Preachers; limitation of term.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. W. C. Young, That the law passed at last meeting of Synod, in reference to the probation of preachers, be adhered to.

A vote was taken, when the motion was carried by a considerable majority, and the Synod decided according thereto.

The Moderator read a notice to the effect that Mr. Foote, the Agent of the Refugees' Home Society, was in the house, and requested to be heard, for five minutes, in regard to the objects of the Society. The notice also stated, that the claims of the Society are at present very urgent. The Synod agreed to hear Mr. Foote, who then delivered an address on behalf of the Society, setting forth its objects, and requesting the sympathy and aid of the Synod.

Refugees' Home Society; address of Mr. Foote.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, That the Synod have heard with deep interest the statements of Mr. Foote, cordially sympathize with the fugitives who ask an asylum in Canada, and recommend their claims to the attention and support of the public, and especially of the congregations under the inspection of this Synod.

Resolution on.

Reports were given in by the several committees appointed to examine the Minutes of Presbyteries. These reports stated, in reference to the Minutes of the Presbyteries of Canada East and Flamboro', that those minutes were correctly kept and carefully recorded: in reference to the Minutes of Toronto, Brant, and Durham Presbyteries, that said minutes were correctly kept, with the exceptions that the names of Moderators were not subscribed to those of the Presbytery of Durham; that in one instance the

Minues of Presbyteries, Reports on.

Moderator's signature was omitted in the Minutes of Toronto Presbytery; and, that in the Minutes of the Presbytery of Brant, the names of some of the *ministers* are entered as *elders*, instead of ministers. The Report on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Huron stated, that those minutes were written in a manner so elliptical as not to be easily understood; that in the Minutes of October 5, 1860, the reading and sustaining of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and the calling of the roll, are recorded as the last business of the meeting; and that the Minutes of April 2, 1861, are signed by the Moderator and Clerk, though it is not recorded that they were sustained; and that it appeared further, that the congregations of Francistown and Exeter were erected somewhat irregularly. In regard to this last report, the Synod admonished the Presbytery of Huron to be more careful, henceforth, in recording their proceedings.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grey reported that the Minutes of said Presbytery were somewhat disorderly kept, but upon the whole, a correct record of the business of the Presbytery.

The Committees on the Minutes of the Presbyteries of London and Wellington, reported that the books of those Presbyteries had not been put into their hands.

Dr. Ferrier, minute on.

The Rev. Dr. Ormiston, on behalf of the Committee appointed yesterday to draft a minute in reference to Dr. Ferrier, gave in a report, recommending the following statement for the adoption of Synod :—

That this Synod deem it due to the memory of the Rev. Andrew Ferrier, D.D., one of their honored Fathers, whom God in his sovereignty has lately and suddenly removed from their midst, to record their high estimate of his character, as a man, a Christian, and a Minister, and of his services as an able defender of the Kingdom of Christ against assaults from without and defections from within. In him were conjoined clear intellect, varied and extensive acquirements, kindness of heart, suavity of manners, and unflinching firm-

ness in holding what he believed to be truth, and in performing what he felt to be duty.

On motion made and seconded, the report was received, the minute recommended therein adopted, and ordered to be engrossed in the records of Synod; and the Clerk was instructed to convey this minute to Mrs. Ferrier. Report received and adopted. Instruction to Clerk.

Dr. Ormiston gave in the Report of the Committee appointed to declare the status which our Students of Divinity shall hold in the Thological Hall of the United Church, of the following purport:— Status of Students, report on.

The Committee appointed to declare the status of Students of Theology entering the United Church, beg leave to make the following report:

From the fact that the curriculum under which they may be required to complete their studies, may differ considerably from that under which they have hitherto prosecuted them, the Committee find some difficulty in coming to a decision which shall not be open to exception, but believe substantial justice will be done by the Synod's adopting the following recommendations:

1. That William Hay, who has attended the fourth year at the Theological Hall, be transferred to the London Presbytery, to be examined, and afterwards taken on trial for license, if they shall see fit.

2. That Messrs. William Thompson Murdoch and William Richardson, who have attended three years at the Theological Hall, enter as students of the third year in the Theological course of Knox's College.

3. That Mr. James Malcolm, who has attended two years at the Theological Hall, enter as a student of the second year in the Theological course of Knox's College.

4. That Messrs. Alexander Kennedy Baird, William Caven and James Harley, who have attended one year at the Theological Hall, enter as students of the first year in the Theological course of Knox's College, it being understood that these students be certified by their respective Presbyteries in the usual way.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Presbytery of Grey. Complaint of Clerk. Report, re-committed.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Grey complained that the report of the Committee to examine their Minutes was not just, nor consistent with itself. The Synod ordered the report to be remitted to the committee, in order that it might be made more explicit.

Audit Com. Report.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Synod's Treasurer gave in their report to the purport following:—

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, and have pleasure in presenting the following Abstract:—

1.—MISSION FUND.

There was on the 31st Dec., 1860, a balance on hand.....	$2,210 83½
Received up to this date	1,169 92
Making a total of	3,380 75½
There has been paid from 31st Dec., 1860, up to this date,	1,096 99
Leaving a balance of.....	2,284 76½
All claims against this Fund, up to the 30th of this current month, are estimated at, say	1,600 00
Leaving, after all claims are settled, a clear balance of, say	683 76½

2.—THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE FUND.

There was a balance in hand, 31st December, 1860, of. ..	$39 11
Received up to this date.....	227 41
Making a total of.....	266 52
There has been paid, from Dec. 31, 1860, up to this date,	586 67
Balance against the Fund	320 15

By instructions of Synod, this balance was paid out of the Mission Fund.

3.—SYNOD FUND.

There was a balance in hand, 31st December, 1860, of....	$42 09
Received up to this date.....	148 68
Total.....	190 77
Paid up to this date.....	74 13
Leaving a balance of.....	116 64
In Fund for Foreign Missions.....	$799 50

SUMMARY.

While the Theological Fund is balanced, there is on hand in the Mission Fund a balance of.....	$683 76½
In the Synod Fund a balance of.....	116 64
In the Foreign Fund.....	799 50
In all the Funds a general balance of.....	$1,599 90½

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. A. Drummond.
John Porteous.

Montreal, June 6, 1861.

Note.—There is in the Fund for aiding and encouraging Students of Theology, a balance of $274 70.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cross, the report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Audit Committee. The Synod, at the same time, expressed the high gratification which the facts stated had given them; ordered the report to be engrossed in full in the Minutes, and requested that it be published in the *Canadian United Presbyterian Magazine.*

Report received. Thanks to Committee. Report to be published.

On motion made and seconded,—The cordial thanks of Synod were tendered to Robert Christie, Esq., for his long continued and faithful services as their Treasurer.

Treasurer, thanks to.

Widows' Fund.

The Moderator submitted an extract from the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in relation to the Widows' Fund in that Church, and the terms on which Ministers of this Synod may be admitted to a participation in its benefits.

Point aux Trembles, invitation to visit.

On motion of Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Drummond, it was agreed,—That as we feel a difficulty in understanding the nature of the proposition in this extract, the Synod remits it to the Committee on the Widows' Fund, to obtain information and report in the afternoon.

Photograph.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor conveyed to the Synod an invitation from the Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society, to visit their Educational Institution at Point aux Trembles, on Saturday afternoon, and stated that a steamboat would leave this city, for that place, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the accommodation of members of Synod.

Dr. Taylor also stated, that an eminent artist in this city was desirous of executing a Photograph of the Union Meeting, on Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, and requesting members of Synod to meet here at a quarter before nine, in order to proceed to the place appointed for the purpose.

The Moderator announced that the Presbytery of Brant, and also the Presbytery of Flamboro', would meet, at the close of this Sederunt. Also, that the members of the Mission Committee were requested to meet at the same time.

Adjourned, to meet at 3 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

VI.—SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, *Thursday, June* 6, 1861.

3 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and at the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Stevenson engaged in prayer, constituting the Synod.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grey, to whom was remitted their report given in this morning, in order to render the same more explicit, again reported that having reviewed their proceedings, they could not make any alteration in the report formerly submitted, and in support of their action in this matter, read portions of the Minutes of said Presbytery. Grey Pres'y, Report on Minutes of.

Mr. Stevenson, on behalf of the Presbytery of Grey, explained in reference to the proceedings of said Presbytery. The Synod expressed their satisfaction with the explanations. Explanations.

The Committee on Missions who were required to give in a supplementary report this afternoon, reported as follows :— Missions' Com. Report.

The Committee on Missions, at a meeting held immediately after the close of the forenoon Sederunt, considered and granted the request of the Presbytery of Grey for a supplement of $100 to raise the stipend promised in a Call about to be issued by the congregation of Normanby, to the minimum of $400.

The Committee recommend that they be either reappointed, or a new Committee chosen, to wind up any business that may arise in connexion with the labours of Probationers that have been, or

are, acting under the appointment of this Synod, through their Committee of Distribution.

Mis'n Report disposed of.

The Synod received the Report of the Committee, and sanctioned their action in regard to supplement to the congregation of Normanby. In regard to the recommendation in the second part of the report, the Synod do not deem it expedient under present circumstances, to take any further action in this matter, feeling confident that arrangements will immediately be made, in the United Church for efficiently conducting the operations of the Home Mission.

Widows' Fund.

The Moderator gave further explanations in regard to the Widows' Fund scheme.

It was moved by Mr. H. D. Cameron, Elder, seconded by Mr. Watson, That as the time of this Synod is now so limited, the further consideration of the Widows' Fund be left to the United Synod.

It was moved in amendment, by Mr. Wm. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Skinner, That this Synod having considered the propositions of the Presbyterian Church, in reference to the Widows' Fund, regards the same as fair and equitable, and recommends to its several congregations to take steps to put their ministers in possession of said fund.

It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Walker, That the Synod recognises the equitableness of the proposal that this Church raise a sum proportioned to the existing capital of the Widows' Fund, in the Sister Church; but inasmuch as it would be impossible for many congregations to raise the sum demanded, they recommend that the whole amount required be raised by general subscription throughout the Church.

Motion carried.

Votes were successively taken, between the several amendments and the original motion, when the motion of Mr. Cameron was

carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof—That as the time of this Synod is now so limited, the further consideration of the Widows' Fund be left to the United Synod.

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read and sustained.

Adjourned, to meet again at half-past 6 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

VII.—SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, *Thursday, June* 6, 1861.

6½ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Thornton.

The Roll was called and marked.

It was moved and seconded, and agreed to unanimously, That the programme of arrangements for consummating the Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, this evening, be adopted as submitted. Programme adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Skinner, and unanimously agreed, That the following statement be adopted as the last Minute of this Synod :— Last Minute.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, considering that a Basis of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada

has been prepared and adopted by both Synods, and, upon being remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, has been by them accepted and approved; and considering that all other preliminary arrangements have been, by the help of God, completed, Do NOW—recounting with fervent gratitude all the goodness and mercy which her Divine Head has vouchsafed, in the past, to the United Presbyterian Church in Canada; blessing His holy name for having led them and their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to such a measure of harmony of sentiment and cordiality of feeling; humbly trusting that the God of peace will accord his sanction to the solemn and interesting step which they are about to take; and earnestly praying that the reviving, sanctifying and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit may largely descend on the United Church, to enable her Ministers, Elders and people to value and improve the privileges they enjoy, and perform the duties incumbent on them—

RESOLVE, and hereby record their resolution, forthwith to repair, as a constituted Synod, to the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' street, the appointed place of meeting, that they may there, as arranged, unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and form one Synod, to be designated and known as the Synod of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; praying that henceforth they may be enabled to walk together in the fear of God and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, striving together for the faith of the Gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances, and for the increase of the Church of Christ. And this Synod declare, that the United Synod shall be considered identical with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and shall be entitled to and shall have all the authority, rights, privileges and benefits to which this Synod is now entitled; and declaring further, that each of the congregations under its inspection, whether it shall adopt a name hereafter to be agreed upon, or shall retain, as it shall be permitted to do, the name by which it has hitherto been designated, shall not be held, though coming in consequence of this union, under the inspection of the Synod of the United Church, as in any way changing its ecclesiastical connexion, or impairing any civil rights which it now possesses and enjoys.

In accordance with this resolution, the Synod rose, in its constituted capacity, to proceed to the place appointed for consum-

mating the Union, the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James street, in the city of Montreal.

WILLIAM FRASER, *Synod Clerk.*

Montreal, June 6, 1861.

Seven o'clock, evening.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Theological Education, beg respectfully to present the following Report:—

The opening of the Session of the Divinity Hall took place on Tuesday, 16th October:—the Rev. the Moderator of Synod in the Chair. With the Chairman, there were present of the Committee—Rev. Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Dick, Torrance, King, and Dr. Taylor. After singing, and reading the Scriptures, prayer was offered by Mr. Dick. Dr. Taylor read an introductory lecture, and an address was given from the Chair. Mr. Torrance then led in prayer, and the meeting was closed with singing and the benediction.

Ten Students entered the Hall, viz.:—of the fourth year, Messrs. Peter Goodfellow, James Milligan, John Turnbull, and Joseph White, B.A.; of the third year, Messrs. William Thompson Murdoch, and William Richardson; of the second year, Mr. James Malcolm; and of the first year, Messrs. Alexander Kennedy Baird, William Caven, and James Harley. Satisfactory arrangements were made with all the Students respecting study during the Session.

The Sub-Committee for examination have reported as follows:—

Toronto, 7th November, 1860.—The Examiners met—the Rev. Dr. Thornton in the Chair. Proceeded to estimate the papers given in by the Students, and, after careful consideration, agreed to arrange the writers in the following order of merit, viz.: of the fourth year, Mr. Goodfellow, Messrs. Milligan and White, who are bracketed; of the third year, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Richardson; of the second year, there being only one student, Mr. Malcolm, and consequently no direct competition, the Examiners agreed to declare that they considered his papers as good; of the first year, Mr. Baird, Mr. Caven. Messrs. Turnbull and Harley did not enter the Hall till after the examination, but they subsequently performed the exercises, and the Sub-Committee, while regretting the lateness of their arrival, agreed that Mr. Turnbull's papers were equal to those of Mr. Goodfellow, and Mr. Harley's to those of Mr. Caven. Messrs. Milligan, Turnbull, White, Murdoch, Richardson, Malcolm, and Baird, applied for exhibitions, and £10 was granted to each.

Mr. Geo. Irving, agreeably to appointment of last Synod, underwent examination, and the Committee were so far satisfied as to agree that no opposition should be made to his being taken on trial for license. Mr. Hay, who borrowed £10, in Nov. 1859, from the Fund for aiding and encouraging Students in Divinity, has not undergone examination as directed by Synod, nor has he repaid the loan.

There was last year a balance of £106 13s. 6d., in favour of the Fund for aiding and encouraging Students in Divinity, which, with £6 10s. as interest, amounts to £113 3s. 6d. The Committee have received for this Fund, from Thomas Sandilands, Esq., Guelph, £10; from William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton, £10; from Walkerton, £2 10s.; from Kincardine, £1 5s., and from Paris, £3 15s.; making in all, £140 13s. 6d. The Committee, besides £70 for emoluments, have paid £2 as part of the fee of eight Students attending a class of Elocution, leaving a balance of £68 13s. 6d. There was last year a balance against the Library of £1 13s. 6½d. The Committee have received for this object, from Newcastle 15s., and from Newton £1, yielding in favour, 1s. 6½d. The Committee are prepared to hand over to the Synod these two balances, amounting to £68 15s. 0½d.

The Session of the Divinity Hall closed on Wednesday, 10th April. The Rev. the Moderator occupied the chair. There were present of the Committee, also, the Rev. Drs. Thornton, Ormiston, and Taylor, and Rev. Messrs, Kennedy, Dick, and King. After singing, and reading the scriptures, Mr. Kennedy offered up prayer. Dr. Taylor read his concluding Lecture, in which he stated that the Students had been examined in Theology, on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the beginning to Lecture 57th, inclusive; in Church History, on Mosheim's Work, from the beginning to the close of the fifth century; that in Greek they had read all the principal facts recorded in the Gospels respecting Jesus Christ, omitting only his teaching and his miracles; that in Hebrew they had read the 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23 chapters of Genesis, and also some selected Messianic passages from other parts of the Bible, along with all which they had read the corresponding portions of the Septuagint; that each had delivered one discourse, and had given in three essays on prescribed subjects. All of them, he stated, had conducted themselves with propriety, and had been blessed with excellent health.

The Rev. James Skinner, at the request of the Chairman, offered up prayer, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

The Committee afterwards inquired respecting the literary and philosophical studies in which the students had been engaged, and obtaining satisfactory information, certificates were granted as required by the Synod.

No. II.

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE.

In preparing and submitting their Annual Report, your Committee presume it will be prudent to make it as condensed and comprehensive as possible, because of the interesting position in which our church now stands, and the desirability of not impeding or unnecessarily prolonging the business of the Synod, lest there should be interference with other arrangements which require to be consummated with little delay.

In the course of the year your Committee have held three meetings, and there has also been one meeting of a sub-committee, to which more particular reference will be made in the sequel. At the first of these, ten Preachers' statements were examined and decided on, embracing a total of 255 Sabbaths, showing total receipts from the congregations and stations in which they had officiated of $1163.70, being an average to each preacher of $116.37, and for each Sabbath of $4.56, leaving a total claim against the fund of $724.30, or for each preacher of $72.43, and for each Sabbath of $2.84. At the meeting in January, statements were considered from fourteen probationers, embracing a total of 289 Sabbaths, shewing receipts to the amount of $1221.75, being an average to each preacher of $87.27, nearly, and for each Sabbath of $3.34, leaving to be provided by the fund $965.25, or to each probationer $68,94, and for each Sabbath $3.34. At the meeting this afternoon, statements from probationers were submitted, involving a total demand upon the fund to the amount of $308, and showing receipts of $153.20, to be deducted from that sum. In connexion with these figures, certain allowances require to be made for irregularities in previous or present claims, as, for example, grants for days which had been delayed, or delay of claims made for explanation.

At the same meeting supplement was granted to the following congregations: Chippawa and Crowland, $35; Prince Albert, $120, with notice that all the Schemes of the church require to be contributed to by congregations receiving aid; Carlisle, $70. A petition from West Bentinck has been delayed, for the present, to enable your Committee to ascertain how much had been received by the pastor from other congregations over which he exercises pastoral care.

From Mr. Fraser, catechist, whom God still spared to labour, and whom He blesses and renders useful, in the bounds of the Presbytery of London, who were the first to select him, and who have all along claimed his services, two reports have been received, both of them characterized by his well known spirit and zeal in the cause of Christ. According to his first report, his receipts for

the half year were $30, and for the second $29.50, so that his claim against the Mission Fund for the one period was $60, and for the other $60.50, which was promptly paid, in the assurance that the money was well deserved and appropriated. As on former occasions, the Committee express their approbation of Mr. Fraser's labours, and their conviction that the Presbytery of London have in him a most useful auxiliary of the Church, and it might be a question whether a larger amount of such missionary element or agency would not be an advantage. Let us venture to express the hope that whatever changes may occur in consequence of the union, Mr. Fraser's services shall be retained.

In obedience to the injunction of Synod, a sub-committee was appointed to bring before the attention of the Church in Scotland, the openings which this Province still presented for usefulness to those who had there devoted themselves to serve God in the Gospel of his Son. A communication was prepared and transmitted to the Board of Foreign Missions, asking three missionaries. That communication was kindly received and dealt with. It was published in the Missionary Record by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and your Committee soon received the gratifying intelligence that it was responded to by the number asked. One of the respondents has been for some time in the country, and let us pray that God will be his guardian and helper. The two others are to come out in the course of the season; and we have been requested to see to it, that their names be placed among the accredited Probationers of the United Church. Besides these, one has come out on his own expenses, and has been fulfilling appointments throughout our mission field, having been duly approved by the Committee for the reception of Probationers.

In fulfilment of the trust committed to them, your Committee have arranged, so far as it was in their province, for the Synodical Missionary Meeting. Dr. Thornton has been requested to address on "The Aggressive Character of Christianity," and Mr. Donald on "Canada as a Mission field." But as a Committee appointed for another purpose, has arranged for a Public Missionary meeting on Friday evening, after the Union, your Committee leave it with the Synod to say how the matter should be determined.

Your Committee have got printed one hundred copies of blank forms of Statement, to be filled by Probationers, and have prepared a new form for congregations that apply for supplement for their pastors, better fitted than the previous ones for showing the extent of their liberality, the degree of improvement, if any, and the conditions which require to be fulfilled in order to be entitled to relief from the Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

R. TORRANCE, *Convener.*

No. III.

STATISTICAL REPORT, 1860.

Your Committee will now proceed to give a condensed outline of their labours in connexion with the Statistical Report. It is necessary to premise that, according to your injunction, they got printed blank forms for both congregations and Presbyteries, which were despatched without delay to Clerks of Presbyteries, and were returned filled up more or less completely. The returns were printed and put into circulation as a supplement to the Magazine, thus securing for them an extensive circulation.

Taking up the statistics for the year ending with December 1860, your Committee would observe that no report has been received from the Presbytery of Canada East. Of the congregations whose names are given, Esquesing, in the Presbytery of Wellington, has not reported; Chatham, Detroit, Delaware, Windsor and Blake's Prairie, in the Presbytery of London, have not reported; neither have Mornington, nor Tilsonburg, in the Presbytery of Brant; nor Smith's Falls, in the Presbytery of Durham; nor Turnberry, Brucefield, Orangehill and Minto, in the Presbytery of Huron; nor Gould-street, Bay-street, Dunbarton, Canton, Erskine Church, Claremont, Toronto Township, Brampton, Orangeville, nor Laskey, in the Presbytery of Toronto. Many of the Congregations have given very imperfect returns.

In the eight Presbyteries that have reported, we have the names of 121 organized congregations, and the stations number 33. The total average attendance is 16,297; total members added, 864; total members removed, 475, showing a gain of 389; total members on the roll, 8,316. Baptisms, 951; total number in religious classes, 5,085; attending prayer meetings, 2,448; volumes in libraries, congregational and Sabbath school, 18,047; number of churches, 92; number of sittings, 20,973; 17 congregations report that they have a manse; 1, a manse and glebe; 72, none; 74 report property deeded, 6 not, 1 partly, one as having no property. The marketable value of congregational property is estimated at $143,062; the amount of debt is $33,456 65; the total income has been $52,016 13½; the expenditure on stipend, $28,680 76; on Church property, $18,725 39; on home missions, $2,630 87; on other missions, $684 45; to the Theological Fund, $421 70½ for salary; $15 for students; $7 for library; total, $1,021 32½; Synod Fund, $347 50; Presbytery Fund, $297 89; benevolent contributions, $362 82; and incidental expenses, $3,978 70.

For reasons stated at the beginning of the report on missions, the force of

which will be acknowledged, it is presumed, by all present, your Committee deem it inexpedient to give a more minute report. If the Synod think it desirable, we can at once submit, from the sheet upon which these totals have been prepared, a statement of the numbers returned, in each of the columns which the form comprises, by the several Presbyteries which have reported. We refrain from saying anything particular regarding the dates at which these returns were received, farther than to remark, that one came to hand about the end of May. It will thus be seen that but little time was allowed to prepare this summary.

ROBERT TORRANCE, *Convener.*

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CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(The names of those present are marked with an asterisk.)

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Arch. Henderson	1810	*Chas. Benedict	St. Andrew's	St. Andrews, C. E.
Wm. Macalister	Sept., 1830		Metis	Metis, C. E.
*Wm. Taylor, D.D.	March 24, 1831	*J. C. Becket	Montreal. Lagauchetiere-st.	Montreal, C.E.
*David Black	Sept., 1837		Chateauguay	Chateauguay, C. E.
*Wm. B. Clark	Sept., 1839	*James Hossack	Quebec	Quebec.
Thomas Henry	1840	*John Meikle	Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*Jas. Watt, A.M.	Aug. 29, 1849	*William White	Huntingdon	Huntingdon, C. E.
*Daniel Gordon	October, 1849	M. McGregor	Indian Lands	Athol, C. W.
*Alex. F. Kemp	Jan. 29, 1851	*Wm. Lighthall	Montreal, St. Gabriel-st.	Montreal, C. E.
William Scott	Feb. 23, 1853		St. Sylvester	St. Sylvester, C. E.
*Ewan McLean	Nov. 1, 1853		Stornoway	Stornoway, C. E.
*Duncan Cameron	March 3, 1854	*D. Cattanach	Lochiel	Lochiel, C. W.
*John Anderson	Oct. 11, 1854	*George Munro	Lancaster, &c.	Lancaster, C. W.
*Jas. McConechy	March, 1855	*John Allan	Leeds	Leeds, C. E.
*John Crombie	August 8, 1855	*P. Peebles	Inverness	Inverness, C. E.
*Peter Currie	Feb. 19, 1856	*R. McKillican	Vankleek Hill	Vankleekhill.
*Alex. Young	Jan. 28, 1857	*W. McKell	English River & Durham.	Howick, C. E.
*Alex. Allan	Feb. 26, 1858	Hugh McColl	St. Eustache, &c.	St. Eustache, C. E.
*Adam F. McQueen	Dec. 15, 1858	*J. R. McKenzie	Kenyon	Skye, C. W.
*John Milloy	February, 1859	*D. McKay, jun.	Lingwick	Gould, C. E.
*John Mackie	May 18, 1859	John McOwat	Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*John Mackay	May 26, 1859		Richmond	Melbourne, C. E.
*D. H. McVicar	Oct. 19, 1859	*John Redpath	Montreal, Cote-street	Montreal, C. E.
*Jas. Greenfield	Nov. 24, 1859	*John Urquhart	Martintown, &c.	Martintown, C. W.
*D. Paterson	1860		St. Andrew's	St. Andrews, C. E.
*W. Coulthart	Nov. 22, 1860	*James Dryden	St. Louis de Gonzague, &c.	Valleyfield. C. E.
*Robt. Binnie	May 29, '61	*John Murray	New Glasgow	New Glasgow, C. E.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Wm. Aitken	October 1, 1839	*George Foster	Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
*Simon C. Fraser	March, 1844	*John Forrest	McNab	White Lake.
*Thos. Wardrope	Aug. 13, 1845	*John Durie	Ottawa	Ottawa.
*John McKinnon	Feb. 4, 1846		Beckwith and Ashton	Carlton Place.
*Jas. B. Duncan	July 1, 1848	*Ralph Smith	Perth	Perth.
*J. L. Gourlay, A.M.	March, 1851	Hugh Gourlay	Aylmer and Nepean	Aylmer, C. E.
*David Wardrope	June 5, 1855	*George Hay	Bristol	Bristol, C. E.
*Henry McMeekin	March 25, 1857		Pembroke	Pembroke.
*James Whyte	Nov. 24, 1858	*D. Campbell	Osgoode	Osgoode.
*Wm. McKenzie	Dec. 8, 1858	*A. Toshach	Ramsay	Almonte.
*Wm. Lochead	Sept. 20, 1859		Renfrew	Renfrew.
*John McEwen	Dec. 7, 1859	*William Lough	Cumberland, &c.	Cumberland.
*Robert Scott	Nov. 23, 1860		Pakenham	Pakenham.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Robt. Boyd, D.D.	Feb. 8, 1821	*Joseph Reid	Prescott	Prescott.
*John Morrison	May 12, 1829	T. Rutherford	Madrid	Waddington, N. Y.
*Wm. Lochead	December, 1830	*Thos. Duncan	Gloucester	Kars.
*Andrew Melville	Feb. 26, 1846	*William Elliott	Spencerville, &c.	Spencerville.
*John C Quin	Sept., 1850	Walter Ker	Kemptville	Kemptville.
*Jas. K. Smith	February, 1853	*A. Sherwood	Brockville	Brockville.
*Robt. McKenzie	August, 1853	Geo. McNish	Lyn, &c.	Lyn.
*Hugh Campbell	Sept. 20, 1854	*Joseph Kilgour	Cornwall	Cornwall.
*D.E. Montgomery	May 18, 1858	A. Carson	S. Gower and Mountain	South Gower.
*Nath. Paterson	July 19, 1859	John Muir	Merrickville	Merrickville.
*James Thom	Oct. 23, 1859	*A.C. Colquhoun	Morrisburgh, &c.	Morrisburgh.
*Archibald Lees	May 16, 1860	*Jas. Forsyth	North Augusta, &c.	Farmersville.
*A. Matheson	Nov. 28, 1860	R. Markell	Osnabruck	Lunenburgh.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*William Smart	April 7, 1811		Lansdowne	Lansdowne.
*James McIntosh	1828		Amherst Island	Amherst Island.
*Henry Gordon	May 14, 1833	*Arch. Ramsay	Gananoque	Gananoque.
James Hume	Feb. 20, 1844	*Wm. Campbell	Melrose and Roslin	Melrose.
*Patrick Gray	Sept., 1846	Dr. J.R. Dickson	Kingston, Chalmers' Ch.	Kingston.
*Robt. C. Swinton	1850		Picton	Picton.
*Andrew Wilson	Jan. 29, 1851	J. McLaughlin	Kingston, Brock-street	Kingston.
*John Scott	May 29, 1853	*Mr Ballantyne *Mr. Chinery	Napanee Ernestown	Napanee.
*Wm. McLaren	June 1, 1853	*A. G. Northrup	Belleville	Belleville.
*T. S. Chambers	May 23, 1855		Stoughton, &c.	Battersea.
*David Wishart	April 6, 1857		Madoc	Madoc.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Jas. Douglass	June, 1823	J.D. Armstrong	South Cavan, &c.	Millbrook.
*John M. Roger	March 29, 1833	*R. Kingan	Peterboro'	Peterboro'.
*John Cassie.†	Sept. 2, 1834	*John Lees	Port Hope	Port Hope.
*Thos. Alexander	March, 1835		Percy and Seymour	Norham.
*John Paterson	1840	John Murdoch	Verulam, &c.	Lindsay.
*John Ewing	June, 1846	*Thomas Best	Emily	Mount Pleasant.
*John Smith	April, 1849	*Wm. Glover	Grafton and Vernonville	Grafton.
James R. Scott	June 6, 1849	*S. Martin Arch. Trew	Perrytown Oak Hills	Perrytown.
*W. J. McKenzie	October 5, 1850	*John McLeod	Baltimore, &c.	Baltimore.
*Fras. Andrews	1851	*James Becket	Keene and Westwood	Keene.
*John Laing	June, 1854	*C. H. Morgan	Cobourg	Cobourg.
*William Blain	July, 1854	*A. Robertson	Springville	Springville.
*James Bowie	May 15, 1855	*Henry Fowlds	Norwood and Hastings	Norwood.
*Peter Duncan	Oct. 27, 1857		Colborne and Brighton	Colborne.
Peter McDermid	March 6, 1860		Bowmanton, &c.	Bowmanton.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSE-OFFICE.
*R.H. Thornton D.D.	April, 1833	*John Michael	Oshawa and Whitby	Oshawa.
*Alex. Kennedy	Sept. 30, 1835	*John Parker	Dunbarton and Canton	Dunbarton.
Geo. Lawrence	April 18, 1837	John Hillen	Clarke	Orono.
*Robt. Monteath	April 29, 1841	*John McGill	Prince Albert	Prince Albert.
*John Baird, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1843	*Jas. Allison Wm. Young	Erskine Ch., Pickering Claremont	Claremont.¶
*John McTavish	1844	*D. Gilchrist	Woodville	Woodville.
*John McLachlan	Oct. 26, 1846	*John Gunn	Beaverton	Beaverton.
Wm. C. Windell	Nov. 2, 1847		Cartwright & Ballyduff	Ballyduff.
*John Smith	Sept. 2, 1851	*John Smart	Bowmanville, &c.	Bowmanville.
*Robert McArthur	Nov. 29, 1854		Brock and Reach	Wick.
*Thomas Sharp	May, 1857	*A. Barclay	Ashburn and Utica	Ashburn.
*John M. King	Oct. 27, 1857	*Robt. Ratcliff	Columbus	Columbus.
*George Riddell	Oct. 2, 1858	*Wm. Mitchell	Newton and Newcastle	Clarke.

† Mr. Cassie died at Port Hope on the 19th June.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Robt. Burns, D.D.	July 19, 1811		Professor, Knox College	Toronto.
*M. Willis, D D.	1821		Principal, Knox College	Toronto.
James Harris	July 10, 1823		Without charge	Eglinton.
*William Fraser	Sept. 2, 1834	*J. Cerswell *Jas. Dickson	West Gwillimbury Esso	Bond Head.
*David Coutts	1836	*Jas. Young Jas. Nelson	1st Chinguacousy 2nd Chinguacousy	Mayfield.
*Alexander Topp	January, 1838	*J. McMurrich	Toronto, Knox Church	Toronto.
*J. Jennings, D.D.	July, 1838	*Jas. Alexander.	Toronto, Bay-street	Toronto.
*Peter Glassford	Oct. 10, 1838	*Wm Archer J. Dalziel	Vaughan Albion	Coleraine.
*Wm. Reid, A.M.	Jan. 29, 1840		Agent for Schemes of Ch.	Toronto.
*A. T. Holmes	May, 1842	David McClure	Brampton, &c.	Brampton.
*James Dick	Dec. 22, 1842	*Benj. Jenkins	Richmond Hill, &c.	Richmond Hill.
*J. A. F. S. Fayette, A.M.	Dec. 13, 1843	*Jas. Agnew S. Steel	1st Tecumseth 2nd Tecumseth	Tottenham.
Thos. Wightman	Feb., 1844	J. Alexander	Innisfil, Barrie, &c	Lefroy.
*John Corbett	Jan., 1847		Mono	Mono Centre.
*William Gregg	June, 1847	Jos. McAulay	Toronto, Cooke's Church	Toronto.
*Geo. P. Young	1847		Professor, Knox College	Toronto.
*James Pringle	Jan. 19, 1848	*Jas. Haggart	Brampton	Brampton.
*James Nisbet	Jan., 1850	*John Barclay	Oakville, &c.	Oakville.
*Robert Ure	October, 1850	*Isaac Weylie	Streetsville	Streetsville.
*J Alexander, A.M.	May, 1851	*D. Henderson	Norval and Union	Norval.
*John Gray	May, 1851	*John Brown	Orillia and East Oro	Orillia.
John Black	July 31, 1851	*D. McLellan	Red River	Red River.
*James Adams	July, 1852		King	Nobleton.
*Robert Jamieson	June 28, 1854	*W. D. Stark	York Mills & Fisherville	York Mills.
*James Mitchell	Feb., 1857	*James Court	Milton & Boston Church	Milton.
*Alex. McFaul	March 17, 1858	S. Johnson T. Buckham	Caledon Orangeville	Caledon.
*James Stewart	May, 1859		Oro	Oro.
*George Craw	Dec., 1859		Medonte and Flos	Craighurst.
*Julius Straus	April, 1860		Markham	Buttonville.
*D. H. Fletcher	Nov., 1860	*W. Clark, sen.	Scarboro'	Agincourt.
		*Wm. Kerr	Toronto, Gould-street	Toronto.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
George Smellie	March, 1836	*A. D. Ferrier	Fergus	Fergus.
*John Duff	Aug. 10, 1836	*John Keith *R. McRae	Elora Alma	Elora.
*William Barrie	Jan. 4, 1843	*T. Armstrong	Eramosa	Guelph.
*J. Thomson, D.D.	March 28, 1844	*M. C. Lutz	Galt	Galt.
*Robert Torrance	Nov. 11, 1846	*J. Armstrong	Guelph	Guelph.
*A. J. McAulay	March 15, 1854		Nassagaweya	Nassagaweya.
*Jas. A. Thompson	July 25, 1855	George Ewan	Erin and Caledon	Erin.
*Alex. McLean	Nov., 1855	A. McKenzie	East Puslinch	Morriston.
*Jas. Middlemiss	June 3, 1856	*A. Burnett	Elora	Elora.
Andrew McLean	March 10, 1857		West Puslinch	Puslinch.
John James	Sept. 29, 1857	*J. Dalgleish	Galt	Galt.
*Geo. Cuthbertson	Oct. 7, 1857	Wm. Veitch	Woolwich	Winterbourne.
*Wm. Millican	Sept. 21, 1859	Robt. J. Black	Garafraxa	Garafraxa.
*John McMechan	Dec. 15, 1859	*Geo. Davidson	Berlin	Berlin.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Thomas Christie			Flamboro'	Flamboro'.
James Findlay	June 12, 1827	James [illegible]	Waterdown & Well'g'n Sq.	Waterdown.
*George Cheyne	1831	Wm. [illegible]	Saltfleet and Binbrook	Tapleytown.
*Mark Y. Stark	Sept. 21, 1833	*Alex. Ogg	Dundas	Dundas.
*R. Irvine, D.D.	Nov. 13, 1840		Hamilton, Knox Church	Hamilton.
*John Porteous	Dec. 7, 1842	*John [illegible]om	Beverly	Kirkwall.
*A. McLean, A.M.	Feb. 14, 1843		Kilbride and Nairn Ch.	Kilbride.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—*Continued.*

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*David Inglis	1846	*Robert Hopkin	Hamilton, McNab-street	Hamilton.
*Robt. F. Burns	July 1, 1847	*Peter Christie	St. Catherines	St Catharines.
*Wm. M. Christie	Oct. 3, 1849	*James Walker	Chippawa	Chippawa.
*W. Ormiston, D.D.	Oct. 23, 1849	*C. McQuesten	Crowland	Chippawa.
*James Black	Nov. 9, 1853	*Alex. Mitchell	Hamilton	Hamilton.
*John Lees	July 10, 1856	*J. Robertson	Caledonia, &c.	Seneca.
		*John Walker	Ancaster Village	Ancaster.
		*John Forbes	Ancaster East	Ancaster.
*Wm. Craigie	June 5, 1856	*John Scott	Ancaster West	Ancaster.
*John Rennie	April 22, 1857	*Salmon Minor	Port Dalhousie	Port Dover.
*John McRobie	Oct. 21, 1857		Drummondville, &c.	Dunnville.
*John G. Murray	July 7, 1858	D. Campbell	Walpole and Jarvis	Jarvis.
*Finlay McCuaig	Nov. 28, 1860		Grimsby	Grimsby.
			Port Dalhousie & Niagara	Port Dalhousie.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Joseph Young	Oct. 21, 1829	*Adam Ker	Brantford	Brantford.
*David Caw	Dec. 15, 1830	*Mr. Telfer	Paris	Paris.
*John Gillespie	June 19, 1845	Adam Allison	Blenheim	Princeton.
*William Inglis	Dec. 23, 1847	John Bain	Woodstock	Woodstock.
*Arch. Cross	Aug. 17, 1848	*Wm. Harkness	Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
*William S. Ball	Feb. 28, 1849		Agent U. C. Bible Society	Woodstock.
*Duncan McRuer	Nov. 25, 1851	*Wm. Alexander	Ayr	Ayr.
D. McDiarmid	May 26, 1852		Woodstock, Chalmers Ch.	Woodstock.
*John Dunbar	May 18, 1853	*James Smith	Glenmorris	Glenmorris.
*Andrew Tolmie	June 2, 1853		Blandford and Innerkip	Innerkip.
*G. Tweedie, M.D.	July 14, 1853	Arch. McLaren	Tilsonburgh	Dereham.
*Wm. T. McMullen	Nov. 5, 1856		Woodstock, Knox Church	Woodstock.
*John Straith	Jan. 30, 1857	Donald Ross	Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
*W. Robertson, M.A.	Jan. 26, 1859	John Shell	Blandford	Chesterfield.
Wm. Peattie	Jan. 24, 1860	George Bryce	Mount Pleasant	Mohawk.
*R. Hume, M.A.	May 22, 1860	*Robert Christie	St. George	St. George.
*William Donald	Oct. 31, 1860	*James Barr	Norwichville	Norwichville.
		*Wm. Richmond	West Dumfries	Ayr.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Duncan McMillan	May 26, 1831		Aldborough	Aldboro.
Donald McKenzie	1834	Wm. McKenzie	Zorra	Embro.
*James Skinner	March 31, 1834	*A. J. Caverhill	English Settlement	Birr P. O.
		*Jas. Fraser	Proof Line	Birr P. O.
John Fraser	1845		Thamesford	Thamesford.
*A. W. Waddell	Dec. 28, 1847	James Laird	Harwich	Ridgetown.
Angus McColl	Feb., 1848		Chatham	Chatham.
*W. R. Sutherland	Feb. 16, 1848	Wm. McBain	Ekfrid	Strathburn.
J. J. A. Proudfoot	July 16, 1848	Alex. Smith	London	London.
L. McPherson	Feb. 7, 1849	Donald Waters	Williams	Williams.
*David Walker	July 25, 1850	*Arch. Young	Sarnia	Sarnia.
John Scott	October, 1850	*Wm. Clark	London	London.
*William King	May 14, 1851	R. Vanvrankin	Buxton	Buxton.
*William Troup	Aug. 7, 1851	W. Robertson	Plympton	Erroll.
Jas. W. Chesnut	March 10, 1853	James Brown	Mandawmin, &c.	Oban.
*William Deas	Sept. 7, 1853	*John Ross	Warwick	Wisbeach.
		J. Thomson	Adelaide	Wisbeach.
*William Walker	Oct. 25, 1853		Chatham	Chatham.
*Jas. Ferguson	Nov. 21, 1855	Duncan McBean	Lobo and Carradoc	Lobo.
*John McMillan	Jan. 26, 1857	*P. Barber	Fingal	Fingal.
*William Forrest	Feb. 18, 1857	John McKenzie	Ridgetown	Ridgetown.
*Stephen Balmer	July 22, 1858	Thomas Cavel	Detroit	Detroit, Michigan.
*William Fletcher	Feb. 16, 1859	*Robt. Scott	Carlisle	Falkirk.
*A. McDiarmid	April 27, 1859	D. McMillan	Wallacetown	Wallacetown.
*Neil McKinnon	Feb. 21, 1861		Wardsville	Wardsville.
		*R. Fleming	Westminster	
		Alex. Bartlett	Windsor	
		Wm. Webster	Florence	
			Grant County, Wisconsin.	

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
James Duncan	1834	James Pollok	Bayfield	Bayfield.
*Walter Inglis	Nov., 1842	Wm. Miller	Kincardine	Kincardine.
		John Moffatt	McKenzie's Corners	
*William Graham	Jan. 15, 1845	R. Turnbull	Egmondville	Egmondville.
John Logie	Dec. 2, 1849	Geo. Thomson	Warrensville	Rodgerville.
*John Ross	Sept. 29, 1851	Geo. Walker	Brucefield	Bucefield.
*Matthew Barr	Feb. 14, 1854	D. Campbell	McKillop	Harpurhay.
*Wm. C. Young	Sept. 6, 1854	Mr. Taylor	Turnberry	Morrisbank.
*A. D. McDonald	April 28, 1859	*Wm. Murray	Clinton	Clinton.
*John Stewart	Aug. 3, 1859		Kincardine	Kincardine.
Arch. Currie	Sept. 7, 1860		Blythe, Manchester, &c.	Blythe.
Alex. McKay	April 20, 1860		South Bruce	Tiverton.
		*H. D. Cameron	Goderich	

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Thomas Lowry	Sept. 24, 1833	Alex. Rae	Mornington	West's Corners.
*Thos. McPherson	Oct. 10, 1836	*R. Donaldson	Stratford	Stratford.
Daniel Allan	Oct. 21, 1838		North Easthope	Stratford.
Wm. Meldrum	March, 1840	Wm. McKenzie	Harrington	Harrington.
*James Boyd	July 7, 1847		Wellesley	Crosshill.
*A. A. Drummond	Oct. 20, 1847	Geo Worsley	Shakspeare	Shakespeare.
		*Peter Stewart	North Easthope	
*William Caven	Oct. 7, 1852	M. McCallum	St. Mary's	St. Mary's.
*William Doak	Feb. 14, 1855	Geo. Armstrong	Downie, Avon Church, &c.	Stratford.
*J. Fotheringham	Feb. 26, 1856	Alex. Duncan	Hibbert	Cromarty.
*David Beattie	April 23, 1857	*Matthew Reid	Mornington	Millbank.
*Robt. Hamilton	June 30, 1858	James Muir	Downie	Avonbank.
		John Cavan	Fullarton	
*Robt. Hall	April 17, 1860	D. Chalmers	Nissouri	St. Mary's.
		T. Fothering	Fish Creek	

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Thos. Stevenson	June 21, 1840	*D. Christie	Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
*Robert Dewar	Oct. 17, 1855	*G. Harkness	Lake Shore	Leith.
Robt. C. Moffatt	Oct. 14, 1857	R. Gouinlock	Walkerton	Walkerton.
Alex. Grant	Aug. 4, 1858		Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
*James Cameron	Feb. 16, 1859	Jas. Mitchell	Sullivan and Glenelg	Sullivan.
*William Park	May 18, 1859		Durham	Bentinck.
*George Bremner	Feb. 15, 1860		Paisley	Paisley.
*Donald McLean	May 31, 1860	John Martin	Mount Forest &c.	Mount Forest.
*Charles Cameron	1861		Rocky Saugeen &c.	Priceville.
		Robert Young	Southampton	
		Jas. Rowand	Dunblane	
		M. McGill	West Brant	
		James Milligan	Normanby	
		Geo. Cromar	Riversdale	
		Wm. Pringle	Culross	
		E. Clark	Meaford	
		David Black	Euphresia	
		John Gorrie	North Brant	
		Robert Kane	West Bentinck	

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MEETING OF SYNOD

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THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Montreal, and within the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, there, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one years, seven o'clock in the evening.

Synod of Pres. Church of Canada and Synod of United Pres. Ch. in Canada meet for consummation of Union.

At which time and place the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, in terms of resolutions previously agreed upon by both Synods, each respectively in a constituted capacity, both the moderators presiding, for the purpose of constituting a Union according to arrangements previously made and agreed to by both the Synods.

Devotional exercises by Dr. Thornton.

The proceedings were commenced by the Rev. Robert H. Thornton, D.D., the senior moderator, giving out for praise the 102nd Psalm (long metre), verses 13-18. The psalm being sung, Dr. Thornton read the 132 psalm, and engaged in prayer.

Roll of Synod of United Pres. Church called.

The Clerk of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, called the roll of that Body, the members answering to their names. There were present the following Ministers and Elders.

Sederunt.

Ministers.—Messrs. James Skinner, Alex. W. Waddel, Wm. Inglis, Wm. Caven, Wm. Walker, W. Deas, John Fotheringham, Robert Hamilton, Stephen Balmer, William Fletcher, Robert Hall, John Porteous, Wm. M. Christie, Wm. Ormiston, D.D., John Lees, Robert Hume, M. A., Alex. Kennedy, Wm. Fraser, David Coutts, John Jennings, D.D., Peter Glassford, James Dick, John Baird, M. A., J.F.A.S. Fayette, M. A., James Pringle, Alex. McFaul, W. Taylor, D.D., John Morrison, James Watson, A.M., John Mackie, Robt. Binnie, Jas. Macintosh, R.H. Thornton, D.D., John Cassie, A.M., Wm. Aitken, John Ewing, John Scott, Robert Monteath, John M. King, M. A., George Riddell, John Paterson, Robert Scott, John Duff, Wm. Barrie, Robert Torrance, Joseph Young, David Caw, Thomas Lowry, Alex. A. Drummond Archibald Cross, John Dunbar, Gilbert Tweedie, M. D., Wm. Robertson, M.A., William Donald, Thomas Stevenson, Walter Inglis, Robert Dewar, Matthew Barr, W. C. Young.

Elders.—A. J. Caverhill, James Fraser, John Ross, Robert Scott, Robert Fleming, John Malcolm, James Walker, John Robertson, John Walker, Robert Forbes, Robert Christie, Wm. Richmond, John Parker, John Cerswell, James Dickson, James Young, James Alexander, William Archer, James Allison, James Haggart, William Kerr, John C. Becket, Wm. White, John

Murray, John Michael, John Lees, George Foster, Thoms Best, Samuel Martin, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Chinery, John McGill, Robert Ratcliff, William Mitchell, John Keith, James Armstrong, James Dalgleish, Adam Ker, Mr. Telfer, Peter Stewart, Wm. Harkness, James Smith, James Barr, David Christie, Gideon Harkness, H. D. Cameron.

Roll of Synod of Presbyterian Church of Canada called.

The Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada then called the roll of that body, the members answering to their names. There were present the following Ministers and Ruling Elders.

Ministers.—Messrs. Henry Gordon, P. Gray, R. C. Swinton, Andrew Wilson, Wm. McLaren, T. S. Chambers, David Wishart, William Smart, Wm. Lochead, sen., Andrew Melville, J. C. Quin, Robert McKenzie, J. K. Smith, Donald E. Montgomery, Nathaniel Paterson, Archibald Lees, Simon C. Fraser, Thomas Wardrope, John McKinnon, James B. Duncan, J. L. Gourlay, David Wardrope, James Whyte, Wm. McKenzie, J. McEwen, William Lochead, jur., Henry McMeekin, David Black, William B. Clark, Daniel Gordon, A. F. Kemp, Swan McLean, Duncan Cameron, Hugh Campbell, John Anderson, James McConechy, John Crombie, Peter Currie, Alexander Young, Alexander Allan, Adam F. McQueen, John McKay, John Milloy, Donald H. McVicar, James Thom, Jas. Greenfield, Daniel Paterson, Walter Coulthard, Alexander Matheson, Thomas McPherson, Wm. Graham, W. R. Sutherland, Lachlan McPherson, W. S. Ball, David Walker, Wm. Troup, William King, John Ross, Andrew Tolmie, W. Doak, James Ferguson, John Stewart, W. F. McMullen, John McMillan, John Straith, Wm. Forrest, David Beattie, Arch. W. Diarmid, Alex. D. McDonald, Geo. Bremner, Neal McKinnon, Geo. Cheyne, M.Y. Stark, A. McLean (Kilbride), Duncan McRuer, James Black, Andrew J. McAuley, R. Irvine, D.D., David Inglis, R. F. Burns, John Gillespie, Alex. McLean (E. Puslinch), Jas. Middlemiss, Wm. Craigie, Geo. Cuthbertson, John McRobie, John G. Murray, Jas. Cameron, W. Millican, Jas. Boyd, John McMechan, Donald McLean, John Rennie, Finlay McCuaig, J. Thomson, D.D., Chas. Cameron, Robt. Burns, D.D., Alex. Topp, A.M., W. Reid, A.M., A. T. Holmes, John McTavish, J. McLachlan, John Corbett, W. Gregg, A.M., G. P. Young, Jas. Nisbet, Robert Ure, John Gray, Joseph Alexander, James Adams, Robt. Jamieson, R. McArthur, Jas. A. Thompson, James Mitchell, Thomas Sharp, James Stewart, George Craw, Julius Straus, D. H. Fletcher, J. M. Roger, T. Alexander, J. W. Smith, John Smith, W. J. McKenzie, Francis Andrews, John Laing, Wm. Blain, James Bowie, Peter Duncan.

Elders.—A Ramsay, W. Campbell, A. G. Northrup, Joseph Reid, T. Duncan, Wm. Elliott, Sheriff Sherwood, James Forsyth, John Forrest, John Durie, G. Hay, R. Smith, Donald Campbell, Andrew Toshach, Wm. Lough, C. Benedict, J. Meikle, James Hossack, Wm. Lighthall, Donald Cattanach, Jos. Kilgour, G. Munro, John Allan, P. Peebles, Robt. McKillican, Wm. McKell, J. R. McKenzie, D. McKay, jun., John Redpath, A. C. Colquhoun, John Urquhart, Jas. Dryden, Ralph Donaldson, David Waters,

Wm. Clark, Archibald Young, P. Barber, M. Reid, W. Murray, Alex. Ogg, Alex. D. Ferrier, Wm. Alexander, Alexr. Mitchell, R. Hopkin, Peter Christie, Alex. Burnett, John Scott, Geo. Davidson, Simon Minor, M. C. Lutz, A. Emslie, John Tainsh, J. McMurrich, Donald Gilchrist, John Gunn, John Barclay, Isaac Weylie, John Brown, D. Henderson, Donald McLellan, W. D. Stark, James Cant, Andrew Barclay, Wm. Clark, sen., Wm. Heron, Duncan Kennedy, Robert Kingan, C. H. Morgan, Wm. Glover, John McLeod, Jas. Becket, John Stuart, Alexander Robertson, Henry Fowlds.

Minute of Synod of United Pres. Church read.

The Moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod called upon the Clerk of that Synod to read the last minute of that Body. The minute was accordingly read of the tenor following:

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, considering that a Basis of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada has been prepared and adopted by the Synods of both the Churches, and upon being remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, has been by them accepted and approved; and considering that all other preliminary arrangements have been, by the help of God, completed, Do now, recounting with fervent gratitude, all the goodness and mercy which her Divine Head has vouchsafed in the past to the United Presbyterian Church in Canada; [illegible]ing his holy name for having led them and their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to such a measure of harmony of sentiment, and cordiality of feeling; humbly trusting that the God of peace will accord [illegible] sanction to the solemn and interesting step which they are about [illegible] take; and earnestly praying that the reviving, sanctifying and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit may largely descend on the united Church, to enable her Ministers, Elders, and People, to value and improve the privileges they enjoy, and perform the duties incumbent on them: RESOLVE, and hereby record their resolution, forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, the appointed place of meeting, that they may there, as arranged, unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and form one Synod to be designated and known as the Synod of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, praying that henceforth they may be enabled to walk together in the fear of God, and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving together for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances, and for the increase of the Church of Christ; and this Synod declares that the united Synod shall be considered identical with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and shall be entitled to, and shall have all the authority, rights, privileges and benefits to which this Synod is now entitled; and declaring further, that each of the congregations under its inspection, whether it shall adopt a name hereafter to be agreed upon, or shall retain, as it shall be permitted to do, the name by which it has hitherto been designated, shall not be held, though coming in consequence of the union under the inspection of the Synod of the united Church, as in any way changing its ecclesiastical connexion, or impairing any civil rights which it now possesses and enjoys.

Minute of Synod of Presbyterian Church of Canada read.

The Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, then called upon the Clerk of that Synod, who read the last minute of that Synod of the tenor following:

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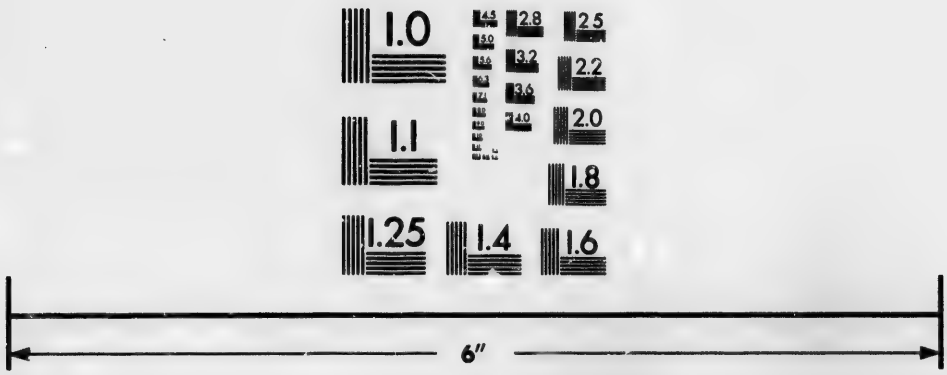

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Basis of Union read.

On the call of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Canada, the Clerk of the United Presbyterian Synod read the following *Basis of Union*, from a parchment roll, all the members of both Synods standing.

Basis of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that it would be for the glory of God, and for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the land, that they should be united, and form one Church, do hereby agree to unite on the following Basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective Synods in their name and behalf; declaring, at the same time, that no inference from the fourth article of said Basis is held to be legitimate, which asserts that the Civil Magistrate has the right to prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action; further, that unanimity of sentiment is not required in regard to the practical applications of the principle em-

bodied in the said fourth article, and that whatever differences of sentiment may arise on these subjects, all action in reference thereto shall be regulated by, and be subject to, the recognised principles of Presbyterian Church order.

I. Of Holy Scripture.—That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the inspired Word of God, are the supreme and infallible rule of faith and life.

II. Of the Subordinate Standards.—That the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are received by this Church as her Subordinate Standards.

But whereas certain sections of the said Confession of Faith, which treat of the power or duty of the Civil Magistrate, have been objected to, as teaching principles adverse both to the right of private judgment in religious matters, and to the perogative which Christ has vested in his Church, it is to be understood:

1. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is held by this Church, which would interfere with the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may prevail on the question of the endowment of the Church by the State.

2. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church, which would accord to the State any authority to violate the liberty of conscience and right of private judgment which are asserted in chap. xx. sec. 2, of the Confession; and in accordance with the statements of which, this Church holds that every person ought to be at full liberty to search the Scriptures for himself, and to follow out what he conscientiously believes to be the teaching of Scripture, without let or hinderance; provided that no one is to be allowed under the pretext of following the dictates of conscience, to interfere with the peace and good order of society.

3. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church, which would admit of any interference on the part of the State with the spiritual independence of the Church, as set forth in Chap. XXX. of the Confession.

III. Of the Headship of Christ over the Church.—That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of His Church; that He has made her free from all external or secular authority, in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto.

IV. Of the Headship of Christ over the Nations and the Duty of the Civil Magistrate.—That the Lord Jesus Christ, as Mediator, is invested with universal sovereignty, and is therefore King of Nations, and that all men, in every capacity and relation, are bound to obey His will as revealed in His Word; and particularly, that the Civil Magistrate (including under that term all who are in any way concerned in the Legislative or Administrative action of the State) is bound to regulate his official procedure, as well as his personal conduct, by the revealed will of Christ.

V. Of Church Government.—That the system of polity established in the Westminster Form of Presbyterian Church Government, in so far as it declares a plurality of Elders for each congregation, the official equality of Presbyters, without any officers in the Church superior to the said Presbyters, and the unity of the Church,

in a due subordination of a smaller part to a larger, and of a larger to the whole, is the Government of this Church, and is, in the features of it herein set forth, believed by this Church to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God.

VI. Of Worship.—That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church, as they have heretofore been, by the respective Bodies of which it is composed, in a general accordance with the directions contained in the Westminister Directory of Worship.

Declaration by Moderator of Synod of Pres. Ch. of Canada.

The Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada then said: I declare that in terms of the Articles of Union now read, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, now unite with the Synod and Church of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, under the name of "The Canada Presbyterian Church."

Declaration by Moderator of Synod of United Pres. Church.

The Moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod then said: I declare that in terms of the Articles of Union, the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and that Church now unite with the Synod and Church of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, under the name of "The Canada Presbyterian Church."

The two Moderators then shook hands in token of Union and fellowship, and their example was followed by the members of Synod.

Basis of Union signed.

Dr. Thornton and Mr. Gregg, the Moderators, then signed the Basis of Union on behalf of their respective Synods. Mr. Wm. Reid, and Mr. Wm. Fraser, the Clerks respectively of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, also signed the document as witnesses.

Synods and Churches declared to be now united.

First Synod constituted.

Dr. Thornton then said: I declare that the Synods and Churches now united form henceforth one Church, and that the first Synod of "The Canada Presbyterian Church" is now constituted, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and head of the Church.

Mr. Gregg then gave out the 122 Psalm, v. 6–9, which were sung,—engaged in prayer, and then gave out the 100th Psalm, which was also sung.

Dr. W. Taylor proposed as Moderator and unanimously elected.

Mr. Wm. B. Clark, of Quebec, now proposed in very cordial terms, that William Taylor, D. D., of Montreal, be elected the Moderator of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jennings, of Toronto, and was carried unanimously.

The Moderator was conducted to his place by the retiring Moderators, Dr. Thornton and Mr. Gregg, who occupied seats on either hand of the chair.

Mr. W. Reid and Mr. W. Fraser elected Synod Clerks.

On motion of Mr. Roger, of Peterboro', seconded by Mr. Caw, of Paris, Mr. William Reid, M.A., and Mr. Wm. Fraser, formerly Clerks respectively of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of the United Presbyterian Synod, were unanimously chosen joint clerks of Synod.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod at some length, returning thanks for the honor conferred on him, and congratulating the Synod on the happy Union now consummated. Moderator addresses Synod.

The Synod engaged in praise, singing Ps. xc., 14–16.

At the request of the Moderator, Mr. David Inglis, of Hamilton, led in prayer. Prayer by Mr. Inglis.

Mr. Ure, of Streetsville, delivered an address on "The duty of Union among the Churches of Christ." Address by Mr. R. Ure.

Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, delivered an address on "The advantages which may be expected to flow from the Union of Christian Churches, and the spirit in which such Union should be carried out." Address by Dr. Ormiston.

Dr. Burns, Professor of Church History of Knox College, then delivered an address on the subject, "The Church of Christ a living Church." Address by Dr. Burns.

The Moderator announced, that a Public Meeting, having special reference to missions, will be held here to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. Public Missionary Meeting announced.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded and agreed to,—That a Business Committee be appointed to be composed of the Moderator of Synod, Dr. Thornton and Mr. Gregg, late Moderators, the Clerks of Synod and the mover; the Committee to meet at Cote Street Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Business Committee appointed.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Wardrope, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, the cordial thanks of Synod were accorded to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, for the free use of their house of worship on this occasion. Thanks to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Ch.

The Doxology was sung.

On motion of Mr. Kemp, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in Coté Street Church, at 11 o'clock. Adjournment.

Closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

COTE STREET CHURCH, MONTREAL,
FRIDAY, *June* 7, 1861, 11 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, and after singing Ps. cxlvii., 1–3, and reading the 36th chapter of Ezekiel, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Dr. Taylor. Synod constituted.

The Synod again engaged in praise, singing Ps. lxxx., 17–19.

At the request of the Moderator, Dr. Burns led the Synod in prayer.

The minutes of the first sederunt were read and sustained. Minutes read.

New book to be procured.

It was ordered that a new book for keeping the Records of the Synod be procured.

Committee on Bills and Overtures appointed.

The Synod appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to be composed, for the present meeting, of the members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures formerly existing in the different Bodies forming this Synod; Dr. Thornton to be Convener.

Verbal Report from Business Committee.

A verbal report was given in by the Business Committee appointed last night, recommending that the Report of the joint Committees on Forms of Processes be now taken up. The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

Report on Forms of Processes.

The Report on Forms of Processes was read by Dr. Thornton, the Chairman of the joint Committees.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock.

Closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
FRIDAY, *June* 7, 1861, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Synod again constituted.

The Synod met and was opened by singing Ps. xlviii., 11–14, and was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the former sederunt were read, and approved.

Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a report, containing a statement of several matters of business, and recommending the order in which they should be considered.

Report sustained

The Report was received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned, with the exception that the paper read in the morning on Forms of Processes, be first proceeded with.

Synod resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Forms, &c.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, in order to consider the several articles of the Report on Forms, *seriatim*. Mr. Drummond was called to the chair.

Synod resumed.

The Committee of the whole House having proceeded for some time, on motion, rose. The Synod resumed, the Moderator taking the chair. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

The Synod, on motion, adjourned, to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
SATURDAY, *June* 8, 1861, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was opened with devotional exercises, singing Ps. xlv., 3–6, and reading the 6th chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy. By request of the Moderator prayer was offered by Mr. Duff, after which the Moderator declared the Synod constituted and ready to proceed to business.

The minutes of the former sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator suggested that as several persons were present who were in possession of collections for the extraordinary expences of this Synod, and as Mr. Davidson. the Treasurer for the Fund to meet these expenses, was not now in the city, it would be expedient to appoint some person to receive those collections.

Committee appointed to receive moneys collected for extraordinary expenses.

On motion made and seconded, a committee was appointed to receive the moneys still to be paid for the extraordinary expenses Fund, and to consider and report as to the disposal of said Fund, the Committee to consist of Messrs Topp, Laing, Kemp, Dr. Ormiston, Dick, and Alexander, *Ministers;* Messrs. Court, Redpath, Becket, McMurrich, Elmsley, and Sheriff Davidson, Elders, —Mr. Kemp to be Treasurer and Convener.

Synod resolves to consider report on arrangement of Presbyteries.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, that instead of going now into Committee of the whole House on the Report on Forms of Processes, the Synod take up first the Report of the joint Committees on the arrangement of Presbyteries.

The Report read.

The Report on arrangement of Presbyteries was submitted by Mr. Dick. It recommended the following arrangement, viz. :—

1. The Presbytery of Quebec, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations east of the River St. Francis, Canada East.

2. The Presbytery of Montreal, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations east of the Counties of Russell and Stormont, and those in Canada East not included in the Presbyteries of Quebec and Ottawa.

3. The Presbytery of Ottawa, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Russell, Carleton, Lanark, and Renfrew, and the parts of Canada East north of these Counties.

4. The Presbytery of Brockville, to comprise the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Stormont, Dundas, Grenville and Leeds.

5. The Presbytery of Kingston, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Hastings, and Prince Edward.

6. The Presbytery of Cobourg, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Northumberland, Peterboro', and the Townships of Hope, Cavan, Emily, and Verulam.

7. The Presbytery of Whitby, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Townships of Clark, Manvers, Ops, Fenelon,

Darlington, Cartwright, Mariposa, Eldon, Whitby, Reach, Brock, Thorah, Mara, and Rama.

8. The Presbytery of Toronto, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of York, Peel, and Simcoe, and those in the Townships of Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott, Georgina, Trafalgar, and Esquesing, except the Congregation of Acton.

9. The Presbytery of Guelph, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Wellington and Waterloo, and in the Township of Nassagaweya, and the Congregation of Acton, except the Ministers and Congregations in North Dumfries and Wellesley.

10. The Presbytery of Hamilton, to comprise the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Welland, Lincoln, and Wentworth, and in the Township of Nelson.

11. The Presbytery of Paris, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Haldimand, Brant, and Norfolk, and in the Townships of North Dumfries, Norwich, Blenheim, and Blandford, except the Town of Woodstock.

12. The Presbytery of London, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Lambton, Kent, and Essex, except the Townships of Norwich, Blenheim, and Blandford, and the Minister and Congregation of Harrington.

13. The Presbytery of Huron, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Huron and Bruce, except those in the Townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran, and Saugeen.

14. The Presbytery of Stratford, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the County of Perth, and those in the Township of Wellesley, and the Minister and Congregation of Harrington.

15. The Presbytery of Durham or Owen Sound, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the County of Grey and those in the Townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran, and Saugeen.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Report.

Resolved that there shall be no Presbytery of Quebec.

On motion made and seconded, it was resolved,—That there shall be no Presbytery of Quebec, but that the Ministers and Congregations recommended by the Committee to compose that Presbytery be attached to the Presbytery of Montreal.

Motion by Mr. Kemp in regard to Presbytery of Montreal.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Cameron,—That the Congregations of Cornwall, Osnabruck, Williamsburgh, Winchester, and Waddington, be added to the Presbytery of Montreal.

Amendment by Mr. Smith.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gregg,—That the Presbytery of Montreal comprise all the Ministers and Congregations east of the Counties of Russell and Stormont, and those in Canada East not included in the proposed Presbytery of Ottawa.

Amendment carried.

A vote was taken, when the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Proposed bounds of Presbytery of Ottawa.

It was moved and seconded,—That the Presbytery of Ottawa be composed of the Ministers and Congregations recommended by the Committee.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith,—That the Congregations of Gloucester and North Gower be not attached to the Presbytery of Ottawa. Amendment.

A vote was taken, when the amendment was carried, and the Report of the Committee as to the Presbytery of Ottawa adopted with the exception, that those Congregations be added to the proposed Presbytery of Brockville. Amendment carried.

It was moved and seconded and agreed to,—That the Report of the Committee recommending the arrangement of the Presbytery of Brockville be adopted, with the exception that the Messrs. Smart and Gordon, and the Townships of Leeds and Lansdown, be not attached to said Presbytery, and that the Congregation of Gloucester and North Gower instead, be added thereto. Bounds of Presbytery of Brockville.

The Report of the Committee as to the Presbytery of Kingston was adopted, with the exception, that the Messrs. Smart and Gordon, and the Townships of Leeds and Lansdown, be taken from the proposed Presbytery of Brockville and attached to Kingston. Bounds of Presbytery of Kingston.

It was agreed to take up next the Report on the Presbytery of Whitby, omitting for the present that on the Presbytery of Cobourg. Synod agrees to consider report anent Presbytery of Whitby.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Alexander,—That there shall be no Presbytery of Whitby. Motion by Mr. Smith that there be no Presbytery of Whitby.

Moved in amendment by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Monteath,—That there be a Presbytery constituted in the bounds named by the Committee for the Presbytery of Whitby, to be designated the Presbytery of Ontario. Amendment by Mr. King, that there be a Presbytery of Ontario.

A vote was taken, when the amendment was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof. Amendment carried.

On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Committee arranging the members and boundaries of the Presbytery of Cobourg, was adopted. Bounds of Pres. of Cobourg agreed to.

Moved by Mr. McLachlan, seconded by Mr. Gunn,—That the Congregation of Beaverton be not included within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario. Motion that Beaverton be not included in Pres. of Ontario.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at one o'clock on Monday. Closed with the benediction. Adjournment.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
MONDAY, *June* 10, 1861, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met. The Moderator gave out for praise Ps. lxxii, 4-8, and after reading Acts xx, 17 to end, constituted the Synod with prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. G. J. C. Duncan to address Synod at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Kemp requested that Mr. Duncan, a deputy from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England to the late Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, should be allowed to address the Synod to day, and that on hour should be named for the purpose. The Synod agreed to hear Mr. Duncan at 12 o'clock to-day.

The Synod then proceeded with the consideration of the report of the Presbyteries' Arrangements Committee.

Motion that Beaverton be not included in Pres. of Ontario negatived.

The motion submitted by Mr. McLachlan, on Saturday to the effect that the congregation of Beaverton be not included in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario, was put from the chair, and was negatived.

Motion to add Pickering, &c., to Presbytery of Ontario.

It was moved by Mr. McMurrich, seconded by Dr. Thornton,—That the Townships of Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott, and Georgina be added to the Presbytery of Ontario.

Amendment by Mr. Baird.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Baird, seconded by Dr. Jennings,—That so far as the Township Pickering is concerned, the recommendation of the committee be adhered to.

The motion carried.

A vote was taken, when the motion of Mr. McMurrich was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Bounds of Presbytery of Toronto arranged.

On motion made and seconded the recommendation of the committee in regard to the Presbytery of Toronto, was adopted, with the exception that the Townships of Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott, and Georgina, be taken from the Presbytery of Toronto, and annexed to the proposed Presbytery of Ontario.

The Synod proceeded to take up the Report of the Committee on Presbyteries' Arrangements, on the proposed Presbytery of Guelph.

Motion anent Pres. of Guelph.

It was moved by Mr. J. Middlemiss, seconded by Mr. George Cuthbertson to adopt Report of Committee regarding bounds of Presbytery of Guelph, except in as far as it includes in the Presbytery of Paris ministers and congregations of Galt.

Amendment.

Moved in amendment, by A. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Arch. Cross,—That the Congregations of Ayr, with the Congregations of Galt be transferred from the proposed Presbytery of Paris to the Presbytery of Guelph.

2nd amendment.

Moved in further amendment by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That we consider whether or not there shall be a Presbytery of Paris, before considering the Presbytery of Guelph.

3rd amendment.

Moved futher by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. McRuar, that the report of the Committee on the proposed Presbytery of Guelph be adopted simpliciter.

Votes were taken between these several motions, when that of Mr. Middlemiss was successively preferred, and the Report of the Committee was adopted as amended by the motion of Mr. Middlemiss, and the Synod decided that the Congregations of Galt

be detached from the proposed Presbytery of Paris and annexed to the Presbytery of Guelph. Motion carried.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, according to arrangement made in the morning, Mr. Duncan, Deputy from the Presbyterian Church in England, addressed the Synod in very warm terms, congratulating the Synod especially on the auspicious union which had just been consummated. Mr. G. J. C. Duncan addresses the Synod.

Mr. Reid here stated that Mr. Duncan had given a donation of £10 sterling to the Foreign Mission of this Church if they shall inaugurate one, otherwise to the French Canadian Mission. Donation from Mr. Duncan.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Dr. Ormiston,—That the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church having heard Mr. G. J. C. Duncan, a Deputy from the Presbyterian Church in England, accept with the utmost satisfaction the expression of his esteem and affection for this Church, and his approbation of the Union of the Churches now embraced by this Church and Synod; convey to Mr. Duncan through the Moderator, the cordial expression of the Synod's affection for himself personally, and for the Church in England which he represents; requesting him also to present to his own Synod at its next ordinary meeting, the congratulations of this Synod at the continued prosperity of the Church in England,—at its Missionary activity and success,—at the progress of negotiations for the union of sister churches there, and that this Synod trust to sustain the same fraternal relations with the Presbyterian Church in England which one of the Churches now united in this Synod formerly held. Motion by Mr. Kemp.

This motion was carried by acclamation, all the members of Synod standing. Motion carried by acclamation.

The Moderator then conveyed to Mr. Duncan in appropriate terms the cordial regard of the Synod for himself personally and the expression of the deep interest which the Church in this country takes in the welfare of the Presbyterian Churches with which we are related in Great Britain, and especially in the Presbyterian Church in England. Moderator aderesses Mr. Duncan.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place for the next ordinary meeting of Synod, whereupon, Time and place for next ordinary meeting of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That the next Annual Meeting of Synod be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of June, 1862, at half past seven, P.M. Motion by Mr. Gregg.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. McTavish,—That the question of fixing the time and place of next Annual Meeting be deferred till the Synod determine as to whether there is to be a special meeting in the autumn. Amendment by Mr. D. Inglis.

The motion of Mr. Gregg was carried by a large majority, and the next Annual Meeting of Synod was appointed to be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the 1st Tuesday in June, 1862, at 7½ o'clock, P.M. Motion carried, Synod to meet in Toronto.

Address to be delivered by Mr. H. Gordon on Wednesday evening.

The Moderator stated that at the Missionary Meeting on Friday evening one gentleman, Mr. Gordon, was, for want of time, prevented from delivering the address which he was then prepared to give, and asked if the Synod would afford him an opportunity of giving that address on some evening this week. It was agreed that Mr. Gordon's address be heard on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, P.M. Closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
MONDAY, *June* 10, 1861, 3 *o'clock*.

The Synod met. The Moderator gave out for praise Ps. lxxxiv., 1-2, and called upon Mr. Dick, who offered up prayer. The Moderator then declared the Synod constituted and ready to proceed to business.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read, and sustained.

Report of Committee for Fund for extraordinary expenses.

Mr. Kemp submitted the Report of the Committee appointed to receive the moneys collected for meeting the extraordinary expenses of this Synod, and to consider on a plan for the equitable disposal of the said moneys. The Synod received the Report and sanctioned its recommendations.

Mr. McGlashan invited to sit with Synod.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to invite Mr. McGlashan, a Minister of this Church without pastoral charge, now present, to sit in Synod as a corresponding member.

Bounds of Presbytery of Hamilton.

Mr. Dick read the Report of the Committee on the arrangement of Presbyteries in relation to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Deferred in the mean time.

Several motions were submitted with a view to the disposal of this part of the Report. The consideration of these motions was deferred in order to take up first the report on the proposed Presbytery of Paris, and to determine whether or not there shall be a Presbytery of Paris.

Motion that there shall be a Pres. of Paris carried.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Inglis, the Synod resolved by a very large majority that there shall be a Presbytery of Paris.

The Synod returned to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Motion anent Presbytery of Hamilton.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That the report of the Committee be adopted as it stands.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Irvine, seconded by Dr. Ormiston,—That the Report of the Committee be adopted, with the exception of the Congregations and stations in the Counties of Haldimand and Norfolk, which shall be detached from the proposed Presbytery of Paris and annexed to that of Hamilton.

Amendment carried.

Dr. Irvine's motion was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided according thereto.

The Synod proceeded to consider and determine the bounds of the proposed Presbytery of Paris.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That the Paris Presbytery shall comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Brant and the Townships of Norwich, Blenheim, and Blandford, except the Town of Woodstock. Motion anent Bounds of Pres. of Paris.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Cross,—That the Congregations of Ingersoll, Woodstock, and Tilsonburg, be included in the Paris Presbytery, being detached from the Presbytery of London. Amendment.

A vote was taken when the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof. Amendment carried.

The Synod took up the Report of the Committee on the arrangement of the Presbytery of London.

On motion made by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Caven, the Report of the Committee on the Presbytery of London was adopted with the amendments, that the names of Messrs. J. Fras.. and N. McKinnon be added, and that the name of Mr. Hamilton be omitted, and that the Congregation of Grant Co., Wisconsin, be added. Bounds of Pres. of London arranged.

The Report of the Committee on the arrangement of the Presbytery of Huron was read. On motion made and seconded, the Report on the Presbytery of Huron was adopted, with the correction of an error in the said report, adding the name of Mr. McKay, of South Bruce, erroneously inserted in the proposed Presbytery of Durham. Bounds of Pres. of Huron.

The Report in relation to the Presbytery of Stratford was taken up, and on consideration was adopted, with the addition of the name of Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Avonbank, and the Congregation of Fullarton, taken from the Presbytery of London. Bounds of Pres. of Stratford.

The Synod agreed to change the name of the proposed Presbytery of Durham into that of Grey, and that in other respects the Report of the Committee be adopted without alteration, the name of Mr. McKay, of South Bruce, being removed therefrom. Bounds of Pres. of Grey.

The Synod having proceeded with the consideration of the several recommendations of the Report seriatim, to the end, it was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. T. Wardrope, That the Report of the Committee on the arrangement of Presbyteries, as now amended, be adopted as a whole. Motion that Reports as now amended be now adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Currie, That the County of Stormont be connected with the Presbytery of Montreal. Amendment by Mr. Kemp.

A vote was taken, when the motion of Mr. Drummond was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided to adopt the Report, as a whole, as amended. Motion carried

The Report, as amended and adopted, is as follows, namely:

1. The Presbytery of Montreal shall comprise all the ministers and congregations east of the counties of Russell and Stormont, and those in Canada East not included in the Presbytery of Ottawa.

2. The Presbytery of Ottawa shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Russell, Carlton, Lanark and Renfrew, and the parts of Canada East north of these counties; but excepting the congregation of Gloucester and North Gower, which shall be annexed to the Presbytery of Brockville.

3. The Presbytery of Brockville shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Stormont, Dundas, Grenville and Leeds, together with the congregation of Gloucester and North Gower, but not including Gananoque and the township of Lansdowne.

4. The Presbytery of Kingston shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Hastings, and Prince Edward, together with Gananoque and the township of Lansdowne.

5. The Presbytery of Cobourg shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Northumberland and Peterboro', and townships of Hope, Cavan, Emily and Verulam.

6. The Presbytery of Ontario shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the townships of Clark, Manvers, Ops, Fenelon, Darlington, Cartwright, Mariposa, Eldon, Whitby, Reach, Brock, Thorah, Mara, Rama, Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott and Georgina.

7. The Presbytery of Toronto shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of York, Peel and Simcoe, and those in the townships of Trafalgar and Esquesing, except the congregation of Acton. To this Presbytery shall also be attached the congregations in the Red River Settlement.

8. The Presbytery of Guelph shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Wellington and Waterloo, and in the township of Nassagaweya, together with the congregation of Acton; but not including the township of Wellesley and the Congregations of Ayr.

9. The Presbytery of Hamilton shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Haldimand and Norfolk, together with the township of Nelson.

10. The Presbytery of Paris shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the county of Brant, and in the townships of Norwich, Blenheim and Blandford; also the Congregations in Ayr.

11. The Presbytery of London shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Lambton and Essex; except the townships of Norwich, Blenheim and Blandford, and excepting also the township of Harrington.

12. The Presbytery of Huron shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Huron and Bruce; except those of the townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran and Saugeen.

13. The Presbytery of Stratford shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the county of Perth, and those in the townships of Wellesley and Harrington.

14. The Presbytery of Grey shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the county of Grey, and those in the townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran and Saugeen.

(The names of the Ministers included in the above Presbyteries, will be seen from the Synod Roll.)

On motion of Mr. Nisbet, seconded by Mr. Dick, it was resolved,—That mission stations bordering on different Presbyteries be placed under such Presbytery as may be mutually agreed upon between the Presbyteries themselves.

A suggestion was made that this would be the best time to appoint the Moderators of the several Presbyteries now erected.

The Moderator then proceeded to name the Moderators of Presbyteries, as follows: Moderators of Presbyteries appointed.

Of the Presbytery of	Montreal	Dr. Taylor.
"	Ottawa	Mr. Aitken.
"	Brockville	Dr. Boyd. Mr. Melville, *p. t.*
"	Kingston	Mr. Smart. Mr. Wilson, *p. t.*
"	Cobourg	Mr. J. M. Roger.
"	Ontario	Dr. Thornton.
"	Toronto	Mr. Topp.
"	Guelph	Mr. Barrie.
"	Hamilton	Mr. Stark. Mr. Cheyne, *p. t.*
"	Paris	Mr. Caw.
"	London	Mr. Skinner.
"	Huron	Mr. Graham.
"	Stratford	Mr. McPherson.
"	Grey	Mr. T. Stevenson.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7½ o'clock, P.M., and this sederunt was closed with the benediction. Adjournment.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET,
MONDAY, *June* 10, 1861, 7½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and, at the request of the Moderator, Mr. Roger, of Peterboro', offered up prayer, and the Moderator declared the Synod constituted. After prayer by Mr. Roger the Synod constituted.

The Synod proceeded to the appointment of the first meetings of the Presbyteries now organized, when the following appointments were made: First meetings of Presbyteries appointed, viz.:

That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Huron* be held in Willis' Church, Clinton, on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon: Pres. of Huron.

Pres. of Stratford. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Stratford* be held in Norman Street Church, Stratford, on the last Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.:

Pres. of Toronto. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Toronto* be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock, A. M.:

Pres. of Ontario. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Ontario* be held in this place to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock:

Pres. of Ottawa. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Ottawa* be held here to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock:

Presbytery of Brockville. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Brockville* be held in the Basement of this Church to-morrow, at half-past nine o'clock in the morning; and that, in the absence of Dr. Boyd, Mr. Melville be moderator, *pro tem.*:

Pres. of London. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *London* be held here to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock:

Presbytery of Montreal. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Montreal* be held in the Basement of this Church, at the close of the forenoon Sederunt to-morrow:

Pres. of Guelph. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Guelph* be held in Knox's Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, inst., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Report on distribution of Preachers and Home Missions to be taken up. The Synod then agreed to take up next the remainder of the Report of the Committee on arrangement of Presbyteries, on distribution of Preachers, and on Home Missions.

Addition to be made, that members stand on Roll in order of ordination. In connection with this Report it was stated, on behalf of the Committee, that an omission had been made in the printed copies in the hands of members of Synod, namely, a recommendation that the names of Ministers be placed on their respective Presbytery Rolls in the order of the date of their ordination.

The recommendation as to this matter was unanimously adopted by the Synod.

Dates of ordination to be inserted in the printed minutes. The Synod, on motion made and seconded, agreed,—That in the Roll of Synod to be printed in connexion with the minutes of the present meeting of Synod, the date of ordination of each Minister be placed opposite his name.

Report read by Mr. Dick. The Report of the Committee in reference to the distribution of Preachers and Home Missions, was read by Mr. Dick, it is as follows:—

On the distribution of Preachers and on Home Missions, the Committee would respectfully recommend:

I. That the Probationers and other Missionary labourers at the disposal of the Synod, be distributed once in six months, by a Synodical Committee, among the various Presbyteries, according to their respective claims, which shall have been previously lodged with the Committee. Such distribution to be subject to regulations to be enacted by the Synod.

II. That Presbyteries be instructed to adopt such measures a y may think best to secure an annual contribution from each con tion within their bounds, for Home Missionary purposes.

III. That all contributions thus made shall form *one central fund.* That distribution of this fund shall be made annually by the aforesaid Synodical Committee, according to applications and recommendations previously furnished by the Presbyteries, for the aid of Mission Stations, &c., within their bounds. Such distribution to be subject to regulations to be enacted by the Synod.

IV. That the Salary of Probationers shall be at the rate of Four Hundred Dollars per Annum, that they pay their own travelling expenses, and that their board be in all cases furnished by the congregations and stations supplied by them.

V. That Presbyteries use all diligence to secure that congregations and stations receiving supply contribute to the full extent of their ability towards paying for the same; and that they implement all engagements made by them when applying to the Presbytery.

VI. That the Synod should fully consider the subject of the employment of a limited number of ordained Missionaries, to organise and visit stations in new settlements, and to dispense the ordinances among them.

VII. That Students of Theology may be employed in Home Mission work, after attendance during one or two sessions of the Theological Course—as the Synod may determine.

VIII. That the salary of Student Missionaries be at the rate of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum, (with board); their travelling expenses from the College seat to their places of labor to be paid out of the central fund.

On the distribution of Probationers and other Missionary laborers, the Committee would recommend the following regulations:—

I. That the roll of Probationers shall consist of Preachers who have been licensed less than three years; and Ministers who have been loosed from their charges, or who have been received from other churches, and have been receiving appointments from the Committee less than two years (reckoning in both cases from the date of their admission to the roll).

II. From this roll of Probationers appointments shall be made half-yearly, so far as the necessities of the Church require. Should the number of Probationers at any time exceed the wants of the Presbyteries, appointments shall be given to them in equal proportion. Preachers without appointments may receive such employment as may arise from special applications made to the convener between the times of distribution.

III. Preachers who have been on the roll for three years, and Ministers for two years without settlement, shall have their names removed from the list:—allowance being in all cases made for sickness, leave of absence, or time occupied in the public business of the church, apart from fulfilling regular appointments;—provided also, that the Synod alone may order the retention of any probationer's name on the list beyond the above specified times.

IV. Probationers concerning whom complaints of inefficiency have been received from Presbyteries by the committee, may have their

appointments withdrawn, until a decision of the Synod shall be given in the case.

V. All preachers and ministers who desire appointments from the committee, shall send their names and Post Office address to the Convener, at least two weeks previous to the time of the meeting of committee for distribution; and Presbyteries shall at the same time send to the Convener the names of preachers licensed by them, and of ministers who have been received, or who have been loosed from their charges, and whom they recommend for employment; and also the names of such as have been settled during the preceding six months.

VI. In forwarding applications for supply, Presbyteries will send lists of the congregations and stations; stating which are vacant ministerial charges, and which are in circumstances to call ministers; the number of families and church members connected with each, when each station or congregation was commenced, its distance from the nearest congregation with a settled minister; whether preaching in the Gaelic language is required, and an estimate of the number of Presbyterian families in each district not otherwise supplied with ordinances.

VII. The committee shall make appointments to each Presbytery in proportion to its wants. These appointments to be made in such a way as to allow each probationer an opportunity of visiting the various Presbyteries (as far as this can be effected).

VIII. No private arrangement between a presbytery, minister, or congregation, and any probationer on the roll, shall be allowed to interfere with the regular appointments.

IX. Probationers shall report their labors to the several Presbyteries in whose bounds they have been employed, and also to the Convener of the Committee; presbyteries shall also furnish annual reports for the Committee; blank forms to be provided for all such reports.

On the Home Mission Fund, the Committee would recommend the following regulations:—

I. That the contributions to this fund be transmitted to the Treasurer, not later than the first day of March in each year.

II. That the principal object of this fund shall be to assist in organising and fostering mission stations in new settlements. No grants shall be made from the fund to settled charges, except in peculiar circumstances, and recommended by the Presbyteries in whose bounds the congregations are. Also, the appropriations shall never exceed the amount of funds actually in the hands of the Treasurer at the time of distribution.

III. Applications for grants by stations or congregations shall be made through the Presbyteries, and shall in all cases be accompanied by a statement containing the date when the district began to be settled, how long the congregation or station has existed, how many families are connected with it, and the number of members in full communion; also the number of Presbyterian families in the district and the prospect of enlargement of the congregation or station.

IV. In no case shall any grant exceed the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars; nor shall grants be made for any other purpose than to assist in paying for the supply of ordinances.

V. When the funds are appropriated by the committee, a full statement of the particular congregations and stations for which they are intended shall be published in the "Record," or some other paper in general circulation among the Members of the Church; and grants shall be made payable to Presbyteries or their order.

The first section of the Report in regard to the distribution of Probationers was taken up. It was moved and seconded that the first section be agreed to. First section agreed to.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. Wardrope,—That the Synod proceed to take up the third recommendation in the Report. Moved that Synod take up third section.

A vote was taken, when the recommendation of the Committee was sanctioned by a large majority, and the first section was adopted. First section agreed to.

The Synod, on motion, adopted the second section of this part of the report unanimously. Second section agreed to.

The third section of the Report was read.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith,—That this section of the report be adopted. Motion to adopt third section.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Duncan,—That Presbyteries be instructed to adopt such measures as they may think best to secure an annual contribution for the support of Missionaries labouring within their bounds, and send the surplus to the support of a central fund. Amendment by Mr. J. Ross.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Kemp, and duly seconded,—That the Synod remit this subject to the Committee, to distribute the Presbyteries into missionary districts. 2nd amendment by Mr. Kemp.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. Inglis,—That the Synod approve of a Central Fund for Home Missions, but in view of the importance of the subject, send down the proposed plan for the consideration of Presbyteries, and enjoin them to report to next Synod, and that in the meantime Presbyteries be recommended to give earnest attention to the work of domestic Missions. 3rd amendment by Mr. McLaren.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Ure, seconded by Dr. Irvine,—That the third resolution in the report before the House be sent down to Presbyteries to be reported upon by them at the next annual meeting of Synod; that in the interim Presbyteries be enjoined to attend to the Mission fields within their respective bounds; and that any Presbytery having a surplus of income over the expenditure required for its local wants, be directed to devote this surplus in aid of the Missions of other Presbyteries, intimating to the Home Missionary Committee its amount, and, if thought proper, the portions of the general field to which it is to be appropriated, and the amount to be given to each. 4th amendment by Mr. Ure.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the further consideration of this subject was deferred.

First meeting of Pres. of Cobourg appointed.

The Synod appointed the Presbytery of *Cobourg* to meet within St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, on the second Wednesday in July, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Permission was also granted to the Presbytery to meet at the call of the Moderator, in the city of Montreal, before the members leave the city this week.

First meeting of Presbytery of Kingston.

The Synod appointed the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Kingston*, to be held in this church at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; and that, in the absence of Mr. Smart, Mr. Wilson be Moderator, *pro tem.*

First meeting of Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery of *Hamilton* was, by the Synod, appointed to hold its first meeting in this church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; and that, in the absence of Mr. Stark, Mr. Cheyne be Moderator, *pro tem.*

The Synod adjourned, to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
TUESDAY, *June* 11, 1861, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer by Dr. Willis, the Synod constituted

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Ps. li. 15–17. The Moderator then read the 55th chapter of Isaiah, and called upon Principal Willis, who offered up prayer. The Moderator then declared the Synod constituted, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and ready to proceed to the transaction of business.

Roll called and marked.

The Roll was called and marked.

The minutes of the former sederunt were read and sustained.

Each Pres. to be furnished with extract anent bounds, &c.

It was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, and agreed to,—That each Presbytery be furnished with an extract from that part of the minutes constituting the Presbyteries and appointing their first meetings, so that such extracts may furnish an appropriate heading to the Presbytery Records.

First meeting of Pres. of Paris.

The Synod appointed the Presbytery of *Paris* to hold its first meeting in Mr. Caw's Church, Paris, on the first Tuesday of July ensuing, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Committee on duties of Clerkship, &c.

On motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. McTavish,—The Synod agreed to appoint, as they do hereby appoint, a Committee on the Duties of the Clerkship; on an Agent for Church Schemes; on the *Ecclesiastical Record*, and on Stated Collections;—the Committee to consist of the following persons: Mr. Topp, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Drummond, Aitken, D. Inglis, Skinner, McLaren, Baird, Wilson, McTavish, Kemp, Ministers; Mr McMurrich and Mr. D. McLellan, Elders; Mr. Topp, Convener.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report on distribution of Preachers and on Home Missions. On the third section of said report then under discussion,

Synod resumes consideration of 3rd section of Report on distribution of Preachers.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. Thom,—That the Synod, on account of the importance of the issues involved in this suggestion of the Committee, send it down to Presbyteries for consideration, and require them to report at next annual meeting of this Court; but as there are certain claims to be met, certain funds to be administered, and certain engagements to be implemented by this Synod, as representing the late Synods, of which it is constituted, this Synod appoint an *Interim Mission Committee*, to administer, in concert with the Presbyteries, all moneys which the liberality of the Church may put into a common fund during the year; adjust all existing claims upon this Church; make good all engagements entered into by both of the constituent parts of this Synod, and report its proceedings and intromissions at next annual meeting of this Court, when the whole business of Home Missions shall be fully considered, and a permanent plan of operations adopted.

5th amendment by Mr. W. Inglis.

Mr. Ross asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion on this subject which he had submitted last night.

Mr. Ross' motion withdrawn.

A motion was made and duly seconded, that the Synod adjourn, which, being put, was lost.

Motion of adjournment lost.

The Synod proceeded to decide. The motion and the several amendments were read in their order, namely: the motion of Mr. Dick, and the amendments of Messrs. Kemp, McLaren, Ure and William Inglis. Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. Inglis was, by large majorities, successively preferred to the other amendments, and to the original motion, and the Synod decided in the terms of said amendment.

On a division Mr. Inglis' amendment was carried by a large majority.

The Moderator made the following announcements:

That the Presbytery of *Hamilton* would meet here at the close of this sederunt.

Presbytery meetings announced.

That the Presbytery of *Cobourg* would meet in this place immediately.

That the Presbytery of *Kingston* would meet here to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

That the Presbytery of *Brockville* would meet here immediately.

The Synod appointed the first meeting of the Presbytery of Grey to be held in the basement of this church, to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

First meeting of Pres. of Grey.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 3 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
TUESDAY, *June* 11, 1861, 3 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

Synod resume consideration of Report on distribution of Preachers.

The Synod proceeded to consider further the Report on the distribution of Probationers, and on Missions.

The fourth recommendation of the Report was read from the table.

Motion to adopt remaining parts *ad interim*, and send down to Presbyteries, agreed to.

It was moved by Mr. Wm. Inglis, seconded by Mr. McTavish and agreed to,—That the fourth and succeeding recommendations of the Committee be adopted, *ad interim*, for the guidance of the Mission Committee during the ensuing year, but at the same time be sent down to Presbyteries; and that Presbyteries report on the whole subject at the meeting of Synod in June next year.

It was agreed that the Moderator appoint the Home Mission Committee in the evening.

Synod resolves itself into Committee of the whole on Forms, &c.

On motion made and seconded to that effect, the Synod resolved itself into committee of the whole house, on the Report of the Committee on Forms of Process.

Committee rose and reported.

A motion was made and duly seconded,—That the committee of the whole house rise and report. The motion was carried, and the committee rose. The Synod resumed, the Rev. Dr. Thornton, by request of the Moderator, taking the chair.

The chairman of the committee of the whole house gave in a Report, to the effect, that the Formula to be signed by Ministers, Probationers, Elders and Deacons, was adopted with certain amendments stated; that the questions to be put to a Minister at his ordination were adopted with certain amendments stated, as far as the fourth question, inclusive; and that a resolution had been carried, to the effect, that it is inexpedient to proceed further with the consideration of the Report on the Forms of Process, but that it be adopted *ad interim*, and sent down to Presbyteries, to report upon at the meeting of the Synod in June next.

Report of the Committee of the whole adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Thomas McPherson, and agreed to,—That the Report of the Committee on Forms of Process, as amended by the committee of the whole, be adopted, *ad interim*, and be sent down to Presbyteries, to report to the Synod at the next regular meeting.

The following is the Report, embodying Formula and Questions, as amended:

I.—*Formula to be signed by Ministers, Probationers, Elders and Deacons.*

Formula.

I do hereby declare that I do sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith, as approved by this Church, in terms of the Articles of Union, to be the truth of God; and I do own the purity of worship presently authorised and practised in this Church, and also the Presbyterian Government and Discipline thereof; which Doctrine, Worship, and Church Government I am persuaded are founded upon the Word of God and agreeable thereto; and I promise that, through the grace of God, I shall firmly and constantly adhere to the same, and to the utmost of my power, shall, in my station, assert, maintain, and defend the said Doctrine, Worship, and Discipline of this Church, and the Government thereof, by Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods; that I shall, in my practice, conform myself to the said Worship, and submit to the said Discipline and Government, and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion of the same; and I promise that I shall follow no divisive course from the present order in the Church; renouncing all doctrines, tenets, and opinions whatsoever, contrary to or inconsistent with the said Doctrines, Worship, Discipline, or Government of this Church.

II.—*Questions to be put to a Minister at his Ordination.*

Questions for a Minister at Ordination.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners?

2. Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by this Church in terms of the Articles of Union, to be founded upon the Word of God; and do you acknowledge the same as the confession of your faith; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the purity of worship as presently practised in this Church?

3. Are you persuaded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, has therein appointed a Government, distinct from, and not subordinate to that of the civil Magistrate; and that the civil Magistrate does not possess jurisdiction or authoritative control over the regulation of the affairs of Christ's Church?

4. Do you acknowledge the Presbyterian form of Government, as authorised and acted on in this Church, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and do you promise to submit to the said Government and Discipline, and to concur with the same, and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof, but to the utmost of your power, in your station, to assert, maintain, and defend the same Discipline and Presbyterian Government by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods?

5. Do you promise to give a conscientious attendance on the Courts of this Church, to submit yourself willingly and humbly, in the spirit of meekness, unto the admonitions of the brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them and all other Presbyteries, and the superior judicatory of this Church, where God in His Providence shall cast your lot; and that according to your power, you will maintain the unity and peace of this Church against error and schism, whatever trouble or persecution may arise, and that you will follow no divisive

course from the present Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Church?

6. Are not zeal for the honour of God, love to Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls, your greater motives and chief inducements to enter into the functions of the holy ministry, and not worldly designs and interests?

7. Do you engage, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to rule well your own family, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to discharge all the parts of the ministerial work, to the edification of the body of Christ?

8. Have you used any undue methods, either by yourself or others, in procuring this call?

The members of the Church being requested to stand up, they may signify their assent to the following questions by holding up their right hand.

Do you, the members of this Church, testify your adherence to the call which you have given to Mr. A. B., to be your minister, and do you receive him with all gladness, and promise to provide for him a suitable maintenance, and to give him all due respect, subjection and encouragement in the Lord?

9. Do you adhere to your acceptance of the call, to become minister of this Church?

10. All these things you profess and promise, through grace, as you shall be answerable at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with his saints, and as you would be found in that happy company?

III.—*Questions for the Licensing of Probationers.*

Questions for the Licensing of Probationers.

1, 2, and 3, the same as the foregoing.

4. Do you promise to submit yourself in the Lord to the authority of the several judicatories of this Church, and to the Presbytery within whose bounds you may be called upon to labour?

5. Do you engage, in the strength of Divine grace, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to perform all the parts of the work of a Probationer for the office of the Ministry?

IV.—*Questions for the Ordination of Elders.*

Questions for Elders.

1, 2, and 3, the same as the foregoing.

4. Do you engage, in the strength of the grace that is in Jesus Christ, to perform with diligence and faithfulness the duties of a Ruling Elder, watching over the flock of which you are called to be an overseer, in all things shewing yourself a pattern of good works?

V.—*Questions for the Ordination of Deacons.*

Questions for Deacons.

1, 2, and 3, the same as the foregoing.

4. Do you accept the office of a Deacon of this Church, and promise, through grace, faithfully and cheerfully, to discharge the duties thereof?

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following Act on the admission of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches, be passed *ad interim* by the Synod, and sent down to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act, viz. :— Admission of Ministers.

1. That Ministers and Licentiates of other evangelical Presbyterian Churches, holding and accepting the Westminster Standards, in terms of the Articles of Union, and who shall come in the way of orderly translation, or shall be expressly designated or commissioned as Ministers or Missionaries to this Church, shall, on application to any Presbytery, and on producing the proper documentary evidence, be at once admitted as Ministers or Probationers of this Church.

2. That in all cases in which an applicant for admission does not come in the manner provided above, but with Presbyterial or private certificates only, he shall not be received into full standing as a Minister or Probationer of this Church, unless with the express sanction of the Synod. Provided always, that if on examination of the certificates of such party, at an ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and on due consideration of the whole case the Presbytery be unanimous, they may avail themselves of the services of such applicant, in the mean time.

3. That the certificates of such last mentioned applicant shall be presented to the Presbytery at an ordinary meeting thereof, and he shall be dealt with as the Presbytery may see fit, in the way of private conference, examination, and hearing his discourses, with the view of ascertaining his soundness in the faith, personal piety, knowledge, ministerial gifts, prudence, and propriety of deportment; and if satisfied on all these points, the Presbytery shall record their judgment, and instruct their Clerk to issue circular letters to the Presbyteries, in the usual form, and to transmit the application with relative documents, to the next ensuing Synod. In the event of the Synod granting permission, such applicant shall be received by the Presbytery and recognized as a Minister or Probationer, as the case may be, of this Church.

STANDING ORDERS.

A.—*Presbytery Rolls.*

1. Certified Rolls of Presbyteries shall be sent up by their respective Clerks, so as to be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod at least eight days before the Synod meets. Standing orders.

B.—*Devotional Exercises.*

2. The second diet of the Synod's meeting shall be chiefly spent in devotional exercises, and such portion of the time of other diets as the Moderator of Synod shall think proper.

C.—*Committee on Business and Bills.*

3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Business, consisting of the Clerks of the Synod and of Presbyteries, who shall arrange all the ordinary business of the Synod, prior to the day of its regular

meetings, and such other business as may emerge during the Session of Synod. The Committee on Bills and Overtures shall consist of the said Clerks, together with a representative from each Presbytery, appointed by the Presbytery itself; but in the event of no such appointment being made, such representative shall be appointed by the Synod.

D.—*Papers to be Transmitted.*

4. All papers for the Synod, or notification of the same, shall be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee on Business at least eight days before the meeting of Synod; and all such papers shall pass through the Committee on Bills and Overtures, before presentation to the Synod.

E.—*Conducting of Business.*

5. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given to the Clerk in writing, as soon as it shall have been made to the House.

6. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the House, it shall not be altered without the permission of the Synod.

7. No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, unless it be in explanation, or by permission of the Synod.

8. The mover of the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.

9. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and disposed of accordingly.

10. When there are only two motions before the House, the amendment shall be put first and the motion afterwards; but if the Roll be called, the question shall be "Amendment or Motion," and the motion which so carries shall then be put to the House; the question being "Aye or No."

11. When there are more than two motions, the last shall be put against that immediately preceding it, and so on till only two remain, when they shall be disposed of as above in No. 10.

12. The vote may ordinarily be taken by a show of hands, but at the call of any member, the Roll shall be called and votes marked.

F.—*Dissents.*

13. Dissents when taken must be given in immediately after the decision in the case is announced from the chair, and if accompanied with reasons at the time, said reason shall be recorded in the Minutes. Reasons may, however, be given in not later than the next sederunt after the decision dissented from is announced, but such reasons shall not be recorded.

G.—*Meetings during the Synod's Meetings.*

14. No Committee or Presbytery shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair, at any diet of the Synod's meeting, unless the special permission of the Synod shall have been obtained to that effect.

H.—*Printing of Reports.*

15. The Reports of the standing Committees of Synod shall be printed and circulated before they are taken up by the Synod.

I.—*Nomination of Standing Committees.*

16. The Synod shall appoint a small Committee to suggest the names of members, for the standing Committees of Synod.

K.—*Appointment of Moderator.*

17. The Moderator shall be appointed in the manner following: that is to say, each Presbytery shall nominate for the moderatorship, a minister, either one of their own number, or a member of any other Presbytery of the Church, and the Presbytery Clerk shall return the name of the minister so nominated to the Clerk of the Synod, together with the Presbytery Roll, prior to the annual meeting of Synod. A leet shall be formed of the members thus nominated, and the Synod shall, from such leet, by open vote, appoint the Moderator. In the event of no nomination being made, the Synod shall elect the Moderator by the usual process of motion.

ACT FOR THE LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following Act on the Licensing of students be adopted as a standing Law of the Church, viz.:— Act for the Licensing of Students.

Whereas it is of importance to regulate, by special enactment of Synod, the form of proceeding in the licensing of students, it is hereby resolved and enacted:—

1. That no Student shall apply for license until the last session of his theological course is concluded.

2. When a Student applies to any Presbytery to be taken on trials for license, he must produce certificates from the Professors and Senate of the College, or from the Professors of any Theological College in connection with Churches in communion with this Church: (1.) That he has completed the theological curriculum. (2.) That he has delivered the discourses prescribed to him in the course of his studies. (3.) That his character and conduct during his attendance at College were suitable to his views of life.

3. That the Presbytery shall then examine said Student in Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Theology, and Practical Religion. If the examination be sustained, the Clerk shall be directed to make application to the next Synod for leave to take said Student on trials for License. certifying at the same time that the requisite certificates had been produced, and the examination had been sustained.

4. Leave having been obtained from the Synod, the Student shall then undergo his public probationary trials. These are examinations: 1. On Biblical Hebrew and Greek. 2. On Theology, Church History and Government, and on Personal Religion. 3. He shall also read before the Presbytery: (1,) A Latin Thesis. (2,) A Greek Critical Exercise. (3,) A Homily. (4,) A Popular Lecture. (5,) A Popular Sermon. The Presbytery may reject any or all of these trials, and may examine the Student on his various discourses if they see cause.

5. That the trials being finished, the Presbytery shall take a conjunct view of the whole, and record their opinion. If not satisfied therewith, the licensing shall be deferred, and the Presbytery shall act in the matter as they shall see for edification: if the trials be sustained, the Court shall proceed to license said Student to preach the Gospel. This shall be done in the following manner:—

6. (1,) He shall give his assent to the questions required by the Synod to be put in such cases, and shall either sign the Formula, or agree to sign it when required. (2,) The Moderator shall then give him a suitable address, and after prayer for the Divine blessing, shall, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Presbytery, License him to preach the Gospel wherever he may be orderly called. The Clerk shall be instructed to grant an Extract of License when asked.

BARRIER ACT.

Barrier Act.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following Act, to be called "The Barrier Act," be adopted as a standing Law of the Church,

Whereas it is of importance that all laws proposed, relative to matters of Doctrine, Discipline, Government, or Worship, should, before they are finally enacted, receive the patient and prayerful consideration of the Church. And whereas it is manifestly impossible that such consideration can be given during the Session of one meeting of Synod; it is therefore hereby enacted:—

1. That no standing law, or rule shall be made, by overture or otherwise, relative to matters of Doctrine, Discipline, Government, or Worship, until first such shall be submitted to all the Presbyteries of the Church for their approbation; that such approbation be given by each Presbytery at an ordinary meeting thereof; and that the decision of Presbyteries be recorded in the minutes, and an extract of the same be sent to the Clerk of Synod before its next meeting.

2. That the Synod, if it see cause, may, by a majority of two-thirds of those present, pass such proposed law or rule into an Interim Act, which shall possess the force of a law, aye and until the Presbyteries have, as herein required, expressed their judgment upon it.

3. That when a majority of Presbyteries have expressed their approbation, the Synod may pass such proposed law or rule, into a standing law of the Church.

4. That when a majority of the Presbyteries have expressed disapprobation, then the Synod shall reject such proposed law or rule, or again remit to Presbyteries.

The following clauses were added, in manuscript, by the Committee to the printed Report handed in and distributed among the members, viz.:—

"That each ministerial charge be represented by one Minister and an Elder in Presbyteries and in the Synod; where there are two or more Sessions in one Ministerial charge, said Sessions shall be represented in the Superior Courts in rotation."

"The Committee recommend that Deputies sent by any Church in communion with this Church, may be associated with any Presbytery,

or with the Supreme Court, all former regulations on the subject being repealed.

The Synod agreed to proceed now to the consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Widows' Fund.

Report of Joint Committee on Widows' Fund.

The Report of the Committee was read from the table. Read also a minute of the late United Presbyterian Synod, leaving it to this Synod to consider and dispose of the Report.

After proceeding for some time with the consideration of the Report, the Synod adjourned, to meet at 7½ o'clock. Closed with benediction.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE-STREET CHURCH,
Tuesday, June 11, 1861,—7½ *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Psalm lxviii. 33–35. At the request of the Moderator, Prof. Young led in prayer, and the Moderator declared the Synod constituted.

After prayer by Prof. Young, Synod constituted.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

Synod resumes consideration of Report on Widows' Fund.

The Synod proceeded with the consideration of the subject interrupted by the adjournment in the afternoon.

Motion by Prof. Young.

Prof. Young, seconded by Mr. Burns, submitted a motion for the disposal of the Report on the Widows' Fund, to the following effect:—That a Committee be appointed to consider what steps require to be taken in order that all the Ministers of the Canada Presbyterian Church may have a right to the benefits of the Widows' Fund, without endangering the stability of the Fund; the Committee to consist of Mr. McPherson (Stratford), Mr. John McTavish, John McMurrich, John Redpath, and D. McLellan, Esqs., Dr. Thornton, Messrs. T. Stevenson, Inglis (of Woodstock), King (of Columbus), and Caven. To report to-morrow morning. Convener, John Redpath, Esq.

Motion adopted.

The Synod unanimously adopted the motion of Prof. Young, and decided accordingly.

Committee receive leave to retire.

The Committee received the permission of the Synod to retire and deliberate during this session of Synod.

Report on joint Committee on Theological Education.

The Synod took up next the Report of the Joint Committee on Theological Education. The Report was read by Mr. Topp.

Report adopted.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Synod received and adopted the Report, and agreed that the Moderator appoint the Theological Education Committee, recommended in the Report, to-morrow morning.

Report of Board of Management of Knox's College read for information.

The Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, for the past year, was also read by Mr. Topp, for the information of the Synod.

Board to be appointed to-morrow.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Synod agreed that the Moderator appoint the Board of Management of Knox College, and also the Senate of the College, to-morrow morning.

First Sabbath of November appointed for special prayer for College.

The Synod agreed to appoint, as they do hereby appoint, the first Sabbath of November as a day of special prayer, on behalf of Knox College; and recommend, as they do hereby recommend, to all the congregations within the bounds of the Church, to have especial regard to this object in their public and private devotions on the day named.

Debt on College referred to the Board.

The Synod next took up for consideration the Debt on the College. It was agreed to remit the whole subject of the debt, and the devising of the best means for the liquidation of the same, for the consideration and action of the Board of Management.

Synod agree to petition the Legislature against division of funds of University of Toronto and University College.

It was moved by Mr. McRuer, seconded by Mr. Topp, and agreed to,—That the Synod petition the Legislature against any divisions of the funds of the University of Toronto, and University College, for the purpose of granting any portion of these funds to other institutions professedly literary, yet really denominational.

Subject of Foreign Missions taken up.

The Synod took up next the subject of a Foreign Mission.

Motion by Mr. R. F. Burns.

It was moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Skinner,—That this Synod, recognizing the binding obligation of the great commission, resolve to enter on the Foreign Missionary enterprise; select for the present British Columbia and Vancouver's Island as the field of their operations; appoint a Standing Committee on this subject; and instruct the Committee to employ all possible diligence in endeavouring to send forth immediately at least one missionary to that great and growing country.

Amendment by Mr. D. Inglis.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. A. McLean,—That the Synod adopt British Columbia and Vancouver's Island as their field of Foreign Missions, and proceed now to nominate a Missionary.

Further consideration deferred.

After reasoning for some time, and the hour of adjournment having arrived, the further consideration of this subject was deferred to the next sederunt, in the morning.

Thanks to be given.

1. To Accommodation Committee

2. To Managers of Cote-st. Church.

3. To the Ladies of the Congregations in Montreal.

It was moved by Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Dr. Thornton, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be given, and are hereby tendered, 1. To the Accommodation Committee, for the diligence and courtesy with which their duties have been discharged. 2. To the Managers of Cote-street Congregation, for the use of their church during the sittings of Synod, and the marked attention shown by them. 3. To the ladies of the three congregations, for their very great kindness in connexion with the evening entertainments, which have contributed so much to the comfort and convenience of the Synod, and to the securing of agreeable social intercourse among its members. 4. And to the general community of Montreal, for the hospitable reception accorded to the Synod, during a meeting which will ever be suggestive of most pleasing reminiscences. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Synod also agreed to express their obligations, and to tender thanks to the proprietor of the *Montreal Daily Witness*, John Dougall, Esq., for his kind attention in supplying members of Synod with copies of his newspaper, during this meeting. **Thanks to the Proprietor of *Daily Witness*.**

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with prayer. **Adjournment.**

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE-STREET CHURCH,
Wednesday, June 12, 1861,—10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Psalm lxxii., from the middle of the 16th verse to the end. The Moderator read the 2nd Psalm, and constituted the Synod with prayer. **Synod constituted.**

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod agreed that, as arranged last night, the Moderator proceed now to appoint the Committees on Home Missions, and on Theological Education, and also the Board of Management of Knox College, and the Senate of the same. **Home Mission Committee to be appointed.**

It was proposed and agreed to,—That in appointing the Committee on Home Missions, the principle of a representation of the whole Church on said Committee should, as far as practicable, be kept in view, and that the members thereof be selected from the several Presbyteries. **Principle of representation of Presbyteries to be recognized.**

The Moderator then named and appointed the following Ministers and Elders, to constitute the Committee on Home Missions, namely:—Messrs. Alex. F. Kemp, Wm. Aitken, J. K. Smith, A. Wilson, John Laing, Dr. R. H. Thornton, Jas. Nisbet, Jas. Dick, Robert Torrance, Dr. R. Irvine, David Caw, John Scott, J. Ross, A. A. Drummond, Jas. Cameron, Ministers; J. C. Becket, John Durie, Joseph Reid, A. G. Northrup, Thomas Best, Wm. Heron, John McMurrich, A. D. Ferrier, Dr. C. McQuesten, Robt. Christie, Wm. Clark, Wm. Murray, Matthew Reid, David Christie, Elders. Mr. Reid, one of the Clerks of Synod, to be a member *ex officio* of the Mission Committee. Dr. Thornton to be the Convener. **Home Mission Committee.**

The Synod agreed to empower each Presbytery to supply any vacancies which may occur during the year in this Committee, and to name another member of Presbytery to take the place of any member of the said Committee in such Presbytery who may not be able to attend. **Presbyteries to supply any vacancies in the Committee.**

The Moderator next proceeded to appoint the Special Committee on Theological Education, recommended in the Report of the Joint Committees, submitted last night, as follows:—The Moderator of Synod, Principal Willis, Dr. Thornton, Mr. Topp, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. J. Laing, J. Ross; Principal Willis, Convener. **Special Committee on Theological Education.**

Board of Management of Knox's College.

The Board of Management of Knox College was appointed by the Moderator, as follows:—Principal Willis, Messrs. D. H. McVicar, Jas. Whyte, And. Melville, Patrick Gray, J. M. Roger, J. M. King, William Gregg, Dr. Thomson, Messrs. Arch. Cross, James Skinner, David Inglis, John Logie, William Doak, Thos. Stevenson, Alex. Topp, the Moderator of Synod (Dr. Taylor), Messrs. W. Reid, W. Fraser, J. J. A. Proudfoot, Dr. Ormiston, Mr. Alex. F. Kemp, Ministers; Messrs. J. Redpath, Ralph Smith, Sheriff Sherwood, Mr. Ballantyne, Chas. H. Morgan, W. Mitchell, J. McMurrich, Thomas Armstrong, W. S. Ball, Messrs. Arch. Young, Alex. Mitchell, Geo. Walker, John Cavan, W. Harkness, Elders.

Chairman.

The Synod appointed Mr. Topp to be Chairman of the Board.

Senate of Knox College.

The Synodical members of the Senate of Knox College were then appointed, as follows:—Dr. Jennings, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. Gregg, Ure, J. M. King, John McTavish, Ministers; and John McMurrich, Esq., Elder.

Report of Committee on Fund for extraordinary expenses.

Mr. Kemp gave in a Report from the Committee to receive and disburse the moneys to meet the extraordinary expenses of this meeting of Synod, to the general effect that the fund amounted to $1000, and that the claims against the fund were somewhat above this amount; and that, certain expenses for printing and other matters being met, there still remained sufficient to enable the Committee to pay travelling expenses of members to the amount of seven-eighths of the sum claimed.

Report received, thanks tendered to Mr. Kemp and the Committee.

The Report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. Kemp and to the Committee for their great diligence in this business.

Messrs. Court and Redpath appointed auditors.

The Synod appointed Messrs. Court and Redpath auditors, to examine the accounts of the Committee on the Fund for Extraordinary Expenses.

Report from Special Committee on Widows' Fund.

The Special Committee (appointed last night) on the Widows' Fund, gave in their Report, through Mr. Redpath, their Convener.

Report adopted.

Committee appointed.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Report was adopted; and, in terms of recommendation contained in the Report, a Committee was appointed to consist of the following persons:—Wm. Dunbar, J. C. Becket, Esq., Rev. Messrs. John Scott, J. R. Scott, J. M. King, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Kerr, Dr. Ormiston, Dr. McQuesten, Rev. William Inglis, Rev. R. Torrance, T. Sandilands, Esq., Rev. Messrs. William Walker (of Chatham), William Caven, J. Logie, Thomas Stevenson. The Committee to report at next meeting of Synod. Convener, Dr. Ormiston.

General Committee on Widows' Fund appointed.

The Synod proceeded next to appoint the General Synodical Committee for the Management of the Widows' Fund. The following persons were appointed to compose the Committee:—Messrs. Geo. Smellie, John Scott, D. Inglis, W. Reid, Dr. Irvine, Ministers; James Osborne, James Walker, Donald McLellan, G. Davidson, J. McMurrich, A. D. Ferrier, John Redpath, J. L.

Blaikie, C. S. Patterson, James Court, Esqs. Mr. J. Osborne (of Hamilton) to be Convener.

Dr. Thornton, on behalf of the Presbytery of Ontario, made application to the Synod, to appoint Assessors, to act with the Presbytery, in considering and deciding certain cases of importance, which had arisen in the former Presbyteries of Toronto, and of Cobourg, but which, by the new arrangement of Presbyteries, had been brought within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario, and which the Presbytery last named felt themselves unable rightly to dispose of without the assistance of assessors, as requested. Application of Dr. Thornton on behalf of Pres. of Ontario for Assessors.

The Synod agreed to grant, as they do hereby grant, the application of the Presbytery of Ontario, and appoint Assessors, to act with the Presbytery in the cases referred to, as follows: Application granted and Assessors named.

In the case of the Presbytery of Cobourg,—Messrs. J. Douglass, J. Wm. McKenzie, Wm. Blain, T. Andrews, J. Laing and Mr. Armstrong, Elder.

In the case of the Presbytery of Toronto,—Messrs. Topp, Ure, Gregg, Mitchell, Nisbet, Mr. J. McMurrich.

The Committee on the Duties of the Clerkship; on an Agent for the Church Schemes; on the Ecclesiastical Record, and on Stated Collections, gave in their Report. The Report was read by Mr. Topp, the Convener. Report of Committee on Duties of Clerkship, &c.

On motion made and seconded, the Report was received. Report received.

Intimation was given that the Home Mission Committee would meet in the basement of this church at half-past 2 o'clock. Home Miss. Com. to meet at half-past two o'clock.

Also that the Committee on Bills and Overtures would meet immediately. Committee on Bills and Overtures to meet.

It was agreed that the commencement of the afternoon sitting should be taken up with special devotional exercises with reference to a Foreign Mission. Special devotional exercises with ref. to For. Miss.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 3 o'clock. Closed with the benediction. Adjournment.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE-STREET CHURCH,
Wednesday, June 12, 1861,—3 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Psalm cxlv. 10–14. Mr. Monteath, at the request of the Moderator, led the Synod in prayer. The Moderator then pronounced the Synod to be constituted. After prayer by Mr. Monteath, Synod constituted.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod engaged in devotional exercises, in reference to the subject of a Foreign Mission. The Moderator gave out for praise

Special devotional exercises with reference to Foreign Missions.

Psalm xcvi. 1–4, which being sung, at the call of the Moderator, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Clark, successively, offered up prayer. Again engaged in praise, singing Psalm cx. 1–3; after which prayer was offered by Mr. Ure, and Mr. Cross.

Subject of Foreign Mission again taken up. Amendment by Mr. McLaren.

The Synod took up now for consideration the subject of a Foreign Mission. Several members addressed the Synod on the subject before the house; after which a motion was submitted by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Drummond, as follows:

Resolved,—1. That this Synod pledges itself to engage in the work of foreign missions. 2. That a Foreign Mission Committee be appointed, and instructed to make inquiries in reference to the most eligible field for a foreign mission, and also to look out for suitable labourers to engage in the work, and to report to next Synod. 3. That this Synod proceed forthwith to select one or two missionaries for British Columbia.

Mr. Inglis withdraws his motion in favour of Mr. McLaren's.

Mr. David Inglis asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion on this subject which he had submitted, in favor of that of Mr. McLaren.

Amendment by Mr. Kemp.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. William B. Clark,—That this Synod agree to select and send out immediately a missionary to British Columbia, and undertake a mission to the Aborigines in the neighbourhood of the Red River; instruct also the Foreign Mission Committee (to be appointed) to correspond with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces as to their mission in Turkey, with the view of undertaking along with that Church a mission in that country, and sending a missionary there, if in the providence of God a suitable person can be found; give, further, full powers to this Committee to take all necessary action to constitute a Foreign Mission, and to carry it on with vigor.

Amendment by Mr. M. Y. Stark.

Moved in further amendment by Mr. Stark, seconded by Principal Willis,—That the Synod resolve to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the means of most effectively establishing a Foreign Mission, and the appropriation of the funds now at the disposal of the Synod for foreign missions. They further resolve to take immediate steps to send one or, if possible, two missionaries to British Columbia; and, moreover, to send a missionary to the Red River Settlement, with the view of strengthening the hands of Mr. Black, as well as of studying the Indian languages, so as ultimately to act as a missionary to the Indian tribes.

Previous motions withdrawn with permission of Synod.

Mr. Stark's motion unanimously carried.

Before taking a vote, the movers and seconders of all the motions preceding the last, asked and obtained the leave of Synod to withdraw the same. There was therefore no other motion than that of Mr. Stark before the house, which, being put from the chair, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fisch introduced to Synod; agreed that he shall address Synod at 9.30 this evening.

Dr. Ormiston introduced to the Synod the Rev. Mr. Fisch, from the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, who requested permission to address the Synod on matters of interest to the Church with which he was connected; and, if such permission were granted, that the Synod should fix the time at which he should be heard.

The Synod agreed to hear Mr. Fisch at 9½ o'clock this evening.

Presbytery of Ontario to meet at 7½ this evening.

It was announced that the Presbytery of Ontario would meet in this place at a quarter past 7 o'clock this evening.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at half-past 7 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
WEDNESDAY, *June* 21, 1861, 7½ *o'clock, P.M.*

After prayer by Dr. Thornton the Synod constitu'd.

The Synod met and was opened with praise, singing Ps. cxvii. Dr. Thornton, by request of the Moderator, offered up prayer, and the Synod was then declared by the Moderator to be constituted.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and approved.

Statement by Dr. Thornton with reference to a balance in his hand for Fund for aiding Students.

Dr. Thornton stated that there was in his hands the sum of £68 15s. 0½d., being a balance of the Fund for aiding Students of Divinity of the late United Presbyterian Synod, and inquired in whose hands he should place the money, and to what Fund it should be applied. Dr. Thornton was instructed to pay over the money to Mr. Reid for the Bursary Fund.

Home Mission Committee obtain leave to retire.

The Committee on Home Missions asked and obtained leave to retire for the transaction of business during this sitting of Synod.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed,—

Address of condolence to be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.

That the Synod present an Address to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, condoling with her in the bereavement with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit the Royal Family by the removal of Her Majesty's near and beloved relative, that distinguished and accomplished personage, the late Duchess of Kent, and containing the expression of our loyal and devoted attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Government.

Committee to send official intimation of Union to other Churches.

On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed,—That a Committee be appointed to send official information of the Union effected between the Synods and Churches now forming The Canada Presbyterian Church, and to open up friendly correspondence with the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in England, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, and that a copy of the Articles of Union be sent to the several Churches with which this Synod shall correspond; the Committee to consist of the following: The Moderator of Synod, the Clerks of Synod, Mr. Gregg. The letters to be signed by the Moderator and Clerks of Synod.

Committee on Foreign Missions appointed.

The Committee on Foreign Missions was nominated and appointed as follows:—Messrs. Ure, Duff, R. F. Burns, McRuer,

McDonald, Lowry, D. McLean, W. J. McKenzie, Alex. Kennedy, J. B Duncan, Nat. Paterson, Wm. McLaren, D. H. McVicar, Skinner, Ministers; J. Redpath, J. C. Becket, D. McLellan, Chas. H. Morgan, Dr. McQuesten, W. Kerr (Brockville), J. Alexander, Peter Christie, Elders. Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener.

Address by Mr. H. Gordon.

As arranged by the Synod on Monday, Mr. H. Gordon, of Gananoque, delivered an address on Missions to the Roman Catholics.

Business of Foreign Missions resumed.

The Synod returned to the consideration of the Foreign Mission business.

Mr. J. Scott, of London, to be invited to go to Vancouver's Isl.

It was moved, duly seconded, and unanimously agreed to,—That the call of this Synod be presented, through the Moderator, to Mr. John Scott, of London, to undertake the mission to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, that only one Missionary be sent just now to British Columbia.

Committee to nominate Missionary for Red River.

The Synod agreed to leave the nomination of a Missionary to Red River to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Committee to select Missionary for Columbia in the event of Mr. Scott declining to go.

On motion of Mr. Caven, seconded by Mr. Topp, it was unanimously agreed,—That in the event of Mr. Scott declining to go to British Columbia, the Committee be authorised to find a Missionary from among the Ministers of this Church, with whom they shall be satisfied.

Com. on Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers appointed.

The Synod appointed the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, as follows:—

Messrs. McTavish, Baird, King (of Columbus), Reid, McMurrich, Ferrier, Robert Christie, James Dalgleish, John Ratcliff. Mr. McTavish, Convener.

Mr. Fisch addresses the Synod

As agreed upon at the afternoon sederunt, the Rev. Mr. Fisch, of the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, addressed the Synod, conveying the Christian salutations of that Body to this Church, and setting forth the claims of the Church in France to the sympathy and aid of the Churches in this country.

Motion by Mr. Topp—thanks tendered to Mr. Fisch for his address.

On motion of Mr. Topp, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, it was resolved,—That the Synod having heard the Rev. Mr. Fisch, of the Temple Church, Paris, a Minister of the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, tender their thanks to him for the interesting address which he has delivered regarding the state and prospects of that Church, rejoice to hear of the prosperity which has attended its efforts, sympathise with them in the difficulties with which they have to contend, and authorise him to convey to the Union of Evangelical Churches in France the fraternal congratulations of this Church.

Motion carried—that all matters of business pending before the former Pres. may go on before the new Presbyteries.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, the Synod resolved,—That in all matters of business, such as ordinations, licensing of students, resignations, &c., which were pending before the various Presbyteries of the Churches now united, the Presbyteries within whose bounds the parties concerned reside,

be empowered and instructed to dispose of such cases according to the laws of the Church.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, which was duly seconded, the Synod adopted, without amendment, the Report of the Committee on the duties of the clerks, Church agency, *Record*, and stated collections. Report of Committees on duties of Clerkship, stated collections, &c., adopted.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee the Synod appointed the stated collections as follows, viz.:—

For Synod Fund, on 3rd Sabbath of July.

For Widows' Fund, and Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, on 3rd Sabbath of October.

For Foreign Mission, on 3rd Sabbath of January.

For Home Mission, on 3rd Sabbath of April.

The Synod also recommend that a collection be taken up for the French Canadian Missionary Society, on 3rd Sabbath of September, or on any other convenient Sabbath.

The Synod also recommend that the Congregational contributions in behalf of Knox College should be taken up and forwarded in the course of the month of November, or as soon as possible.

The Committee of Finance was appointed by the Synod as follows:—Messrs. Topp, Gregg, Dr. Jennings, McMurrich, and Blaikie. Mr. McMurrich, Convener. Committee of Finance appointed.

The Committee to consult with Mr. Reid as to the *Record* was appointed by the Synod, consisting of the under-named persons: Messrs. Topp, Gregg, Dr. Jennings, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Mr. W. Fraser, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Alexander. Dr. Jennings, Convener. Committee on *Record*.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod authorised the Finance Committee to purchase copies of the Digest, by Mr. Kemp, of the Proceedings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, for the use of the Church, and to provide for the cost of the same out of the Synod Fund. Finance Commit. authorised to purchase 25 copies of Digest by Mr. Kemp.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
THURSDAY, *June* 13, 1861, 10 *o'clock*, *A.M.*

The Synod met. The Moderator gave out for praise Ps. cxxxv., 1–5, and read the first chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians, 9th verse to the end, and then constituted the Synod with prayer. Synod constit'd.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

Committee on Buxton Mission appointed.

The Committee on the Buxton Mission was appointed as follows:—Mr. Thomas McPherson (Stratford), Dr. Ormiston, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Reid (of Toronto), Mr. King (Buxton), Ministers; Mr. Wm. Clark, Arch. McKellar, M.P.P., Elders—Mr. McPherson, Convener. The Committee to act in concert with the Presbytery of London.

Instruction to the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, and duly seconded and agreed to,—That the Committee be instructed to carry out any engagements into which former Committees may have entered, regarding the property at Buxton; and that other matters connected with this mission be remitted to the Home Mission Committee, along with the Presbytery of London.

Report anent Act of Parliament with reference to Congregational Property.

The Report of the Joint Committees on obtaining an Act of Parliament for securing the property of congregations after the Union in the same manner as it had been previously held, was given in by Mr. Kemp, the Convener.

Report received and adopted.

The Synod resolved to receive and adopt the report, approve the diligence of the Committee, and tender the thanks of the Synod to the Convener, Mr. Kemp; and further, record their thanks to the Hon. Mr. Mowat, and to Messrs. Day and McDonald, who have so kindly aided the Committee in preparing the Act, and in its passage through Parliament; and also that the Synod, in approving of this Act, declare at the same time that if any difficulties be found in carrying out its provisions, the Synod, on being informed thereof, shall take immediate measures to have the same amended.

Thanks recorded to Convener, also to Messrs. Mowat, Day & McDonald.

Overture with reference to Ministers' stipends.

There was read and received an overture from a number of Elders, members of the Synod, in relation to the stipend of Ministers, recommending that measures be adopted to raise the salaries of Ministers to at least a minimum of $600 per annum.

Overture receiv'd with satisfaction. Special attention of Pres. directed to the matter.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to,—That the Synod receive with satisfaction the overture on Ministers' stipend from several Elders of the Church, specially urging the propriety of Presbyteries aiming at a stipend of at least $600 per annum; and, commending the importance of the subject to the welfare and efficiency of the Church, direct the special attention of the Presbyteries to it at one of their ordinary meetings, and instruct them to report to next meeting of Synod.

Overture with reference to Temperance.

An overture on Temperance was read from the table, praying that the Synod would give such a deliverance as might best conduce to the suppression of intemperance.

Resolutions moved with ref. to overture.

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Nisbet, seconded by Mr. Campbell:

1. That the Synod deeply deplore the sad ravages of Intemperance in the Church and in the world, and earnestly exhort all the office-bearers of the Church to use their utmost endeavours, by doctrine and discipline, example and influence, to arrest and remove this widely extended and destructive vice.

2. That as the liquor traffic, as now legally conducted, tends directly to extend and perpetuate the evils deplored, it is expedient and neces-

sary that the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating drinks be placed under more effective and salutary restrictions; and the Synod hereby sanctions and approves all legitimate efforts to procure the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law in this Province.

3. That the several Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church are hereby recommended immediately to take such steps as in their judgment may seem most expedient and efficient for the suppression of intemperance, and for the maintenance of a pure and scriptural discipline on this matter in each of their respective congregations; and specially would the Synod affectionately dissuade all the members of the Church, and particularly the office-bearers, from engaging in any branch of the traffic.

4. That this deliverance be read from the Minutes publicly to each congregation.

Amendment by Mr. Kemp.

An amendment was submitted by Mr. Kemp, which was duly seconded, to the following effect:—That to the word "approves," in the second resolution, be added "any steps that may appear proper or legitimate for securing this desirable end," and all that follows be omitted.

Amend't. carried.

A vote was taken between the amendment proposed by Mr. Kemp and the resolutions as originally moved, when the amendment of Mr. Kemp was carried by a majority. The ayes and nays were then taken on the resolutions as amended by the motion of Mr. Kemp, and the resolutions as so amended were carried unanimously.

Overture with reference to Sabbath Schools.

There was read and received an overture on Sabbath Schools, containing suggestions for more efficiently conducting the Schools, and requesting the appointment of a Committee of Synod on this important matter.

Overture remitted to a Commit.

It was moved and seconded, and agreed,—To receive the overture, and remit to a small Committee, with instructions to report on the whole subject of Sabbath Schools to next Synod; the Committee to consist of Messrs. W. McLaren, P. Gray, J. K. Smith, J. Scott (of Bath), Ministers; and Messrs. Becket and Northrup, Elders. Convener, Mr. McLaren.

Petition from Mr. J. Carruthers, Probationer.

Read and received a petition from Mr. J. Carruthers, formerly a probationer in the United Presbyterian Church, praying to be placed on the list of probationers, with a view of receiving appointments as a preacher.

Motion not to entertain Petition.

It was moved and seconded,—That the application of Mr. Carruthers be not, for the present, entertained.

Amendment, that application be laid before the Presbytery of the Bounds.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded,—That Mr. Carruthers be instructed to lay his application before any Presbytery of the Church within whose bounds he may be resident.

Amendment carried.

The amendment was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Committee on state of Religion.

The Synod appointed a Committee on the State of Religion throughout the Church, as follows:—The Moderator of Synod (Dr. Taylor), Messrs. Kemp, McVicar, Lighthall, Becket and

Redpath; together with a corresponding member from each Presbytery, namely, Messrs. Crombie, J. K. Smith, Aitken, P. Gray, Roger, J. M. King, Dr. Jennings, Wm. Inglis, Torrance, Stevenson, Caven, Skinner, Dr. Irvine, J. Ross. Dr. Taylor to be Convener.

Committee on Statistics.

The Synod appointed a Committee on the Statistics of the Church, to consist of Messrs. J. Gray, W. Gregg, Torrance, A. Wilson, W. Fraser, and Dick, Ministers; Messrs. Dallas and McMurrich, Elders.

Instructions with reference to the printing of the Minutes.

The Synod ordered,—That the Minutes of Synod be printed; that the Minutes of the late Synods, composing this Synod, be printed, along with the Minutes of this Synod, and that they be stitched together and circulated therewith; that the Minutes be distributed in the proportion of three copies to each congregation; and that the Statistics of last year be attached to the Minutes of the Synod of The Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Moderator to appoint a Sabbath day as day of special thanksgiving for Union and prayer for outpouring of the Spirit.

The Synod agreed to request the Moderator to appoint a Sabbath day, on which all the congregations of the Church shall be recommended, in their public and private devotions, to render special thanksgiving to God for the great blessing which He has bestowed, in the auspicious union now so happily consummated; and for the unity of spirit, and the great harmony which have eminently distinguished this the first meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church; and earnestly to pray that the presence of her Great King and Head may be in all her assemblies, and with all her Ministers and people; that He would grant a plenteous effusion of the Divine Spirit on her field of labour, and render her greatly instrumental in the salvation of souls, to the praise of His glorious grace.

Modr. addresses the Synod.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, warmly thanking them for the courteous and kind support which had been accorded to him in discharging the duties of the Chair, and commending them to the grace of God.

Messrs. Skinner and Topp, at the request of the Moderator, successively offered up prayer.

Synod closed.

The Synod engaged in praise, singing Ps. cxxii., 6–9; after which the Moderator announced that the next ordinary meeting of Synod would be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of June, 1862, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, and then closed the Session with the Apostolic Benediction.

WM. TAYLOR, D.D.,
Moderator of the Synod of The Canada Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM REID,
WM. FRASER, } *Joint Clerks of Synod.*

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES No. 1.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, having met, unanimously agreed to recommend that the Synod take up the business at present before it in the following order:

I. Report by Joint Committees—
1. On the arrangement of Presbyteries.
2. On the distribution of Missionaries.
3. On Home Missions.

II. Report by Joint Committees on Theological Education, and any subjects arising from the Report of the Board of Management connected with Knox College.

III. Report by Joint Committees on Act of Parliament for securing the property of congregations.

IV. Report by Joint Committees on Widows' Fund.

V. Foreign Missions.

Your Committee unanimously agree to recommend that a book be procured to keep a permanent record of the Committee of Bills and Overtures from year to year.

No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures beg leave to transmit the following papers:

1. Overture anent ministers' stipends, from the elders of the Synod.
2. Overture anent Sabbath Schools—transmitted, with recommendation to appoint a committee on Sabbath Schools, to consider and report to a future Synod.
3. Overture on the suppression of Intemperance.
4. Petition from Dr. Cairns, for employment as an ordained missionary.
5. Statement regarding Buxton Mission.
6. Memorial of Mr. W. Oliver, anent a Child's Sabbath paper, and a weekly paper in the interest of the Church.
7. Petition from Mr. J. G. Carruthers, formerly probationer of the U. P. Church, for employment by this Church.

The Committee recommend the following as the order in which the various matters shall be taken up by the Synod:

1. Report on Foreign Missions.
2. Report on Act of Parliament.
3. Overture anent Stipends.
4. Petitions from Dr. Cairns and J. G. Carruthers.
5. Buxton Mission.
6. Memorial of Mr. Oliver.
7. Overture anent Intemperance.
8. Overture anent Sabbath Schools.
9. Subject of Statistics.
10. State of Religion.

No. 3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committees appointed by the two Churches respectively on Theological Education, having met together for deliberation, proceeded to consider the various matters which appeared to them to be embraced in the terms of their appointment, viz. : The different departments of study; the arrangement of them amongst the Professors; the length of the curiculum; the qualification of entrance, &c. Having considered these points fully and deliberately, your Committee are of opinion that it would be premature to propose, or make any changes till the united Church has had the opportunity of more carefully weighing the whole subject. It was therefore unanimously resolved, that the Committee jointly agree in the meantime to the following recommendations which they respectfully submit to the Church.

1. That for the present the existing Professors retain their respective Professorships.

2. That the preliminary classes be dispensed with, with the exception of the Logic and Philosophy Classes.

3. That the students of the Presbyterian Church of Canada retain their status as it is presently held,—and that the students of the United Presbyterian Church shall take their places in the Curiculum which have been assigned to them by that Church.

4. That a special Committee on Theological Education be appointed by the United Church to consider the whole subject; to consult with the Senate, if they deem it necessary, and to report to the meeting of Synod next June.

A. Topp, *Convener.*

No. 4.

REPORT ANENT WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund, after lengthened and careful consideration of the case submitted by the Synod, beg to report the following as the conclusion at which they have arrived, viz :—

We find that it will be necessary to raise a sum equivalent to £80 currency for each of the settled pastoral charges of the late United Presbyterian Church, whose ministers may avail themselves of the benefit of this valuable Fund; and the Committee accordingly recommend that said proportion be raised, by a special effort, by that branch of the Canada Presbyterian Church, by means of subscriptions and

collections. Further, that a small committee, consisting of members of this Synod, be appointed to correspond with Presbyteries, and endeavour, in conjunction with them, to secure that this recommendation be carried out. Upon the above condition being complied with all such ministers will be admitted upon the original rate to a participation of the benefit of the fund; that is to say, $8 per annum. Your Committee further recommend that the above effort be made forthwith, and that the opportunity now presented for entering into connection with the Fund be not extended beyond the meeting of Synod in June next; it being understood that a period of three years will be granted for raising the requisite amount, on a reasonable guarantee being given to that effect, so that ministers may not be precluded from joining forthwith. Should the obligation so incurred not be carried out, the interest in the Fund must of course be forfeited.

J. REDPATH, *Convener.*

12th June, 1861.

No. 5.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLERKSHIP, &c.

The Committee on the Clerkship, &c., beg leave to recommend that Mr. Reid and Mr. Fraser be Joint Clerks, and that such be their title.

That the duty of Mr. Fraser shall be that of Recording Clerk; that is, he shall write the scroll minutes during the sittings of the Synod, and make up the Synod Roll: his salary to be $100.

That the duty of Mr. Reid shall be that of Engrossing and Corresponding Clerk; that is, he shall engross the Synod minutes, attend to the printing of the same, and take charge of necessary correspondence.

That Mr. Reid be appointed also as General Agent and Treasurer of the Church, and his title be accordingly; that he be appointed Manager of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

That the *Record* be continued, as at present, under the editorship of Mr. Reid; but its title shall be changed to that of the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church;* that a committee be appointed to consider what changes in its form or objects may appear desirable, to report to the next Synod; also to consult with Mr. Reid as to the general affairs of the *Record.*

That the salary of Mr. Reid be $1,600; any required assistance to be at Mr. Reid's expense.

That collections be taken up throughout the Church for the following objects, viz.:—

For Foreign Missions, on the 3rd Sabbath of January.

For Home Missions, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.

For Synod Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.

For Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Aged Ministers' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.

That a collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society be recommended to be taken up on the 3rd Sabbath of September, or any other convenient day.

The Committee recommend that contributions for Knox College be taken up by congregations as early as possible, say November.

If the day appointed for any collection be inconvenient, a day as near as possible to such day shall be selected.

This arrangement is not understood as interfering with missionary organizations which may now or at any future time exist.

A. TOPP, *Convener.*

No. 6.

OVERTURE ON MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

The undersigned, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church, beg respectfully to represent to the Synod now in Session, that they have had under consideration the question of the Stipends paid to Ministers of this Church, as recorded in the financial statements; and, after full deliberation, the undersigned are of opinion that the Stipends generally are much smaller than they ought to be.

The undersigned are aware that there are some localities in which Ministers require a much larger stipend for their maintenance than they do in others, and that it is neither necessary nor desirable to establish a uniform rate of stipend; but there are many Ministers of this Church whose incomes are barely sufficient for a mere existence, setting aside altogether the circumstances of comfort and respectability in which every minister ought to be placed. And not only are the Stipends inadequate, but, such as they are, many appear to be irregularly paid, as may be seen from the amount of arrears now due. To such cases as these more especially, the attention of the Synod is now respectfully drawn.

No one will dispute that it is essential to the success and efficiency of the Church, that its ministers should be placed beyond the anxiety and trouble which must necessarily arise from straitened worldly circumstances.

The undersigned would therefore respectfully recommend that the Synod should enjoin upon all Presbyteries to seek judiciously, wisely, and energetically, as far as possible to remedy the evil alluded to. The duty of contributing to the extent of its ability, as the Lord has prospered it,—first, towards the maintenance of its ministers in comfort and respectability; and secondly, towards the various schemes of the Church should be laid before every congregation.

Were this duty faithfully carried out, many cases of hardship would be removed and the Stipends would be greatly augmented throughout the Church.

The undersigned further recommend that in all new settlements the Presbyteries should aim at a minimum stipend of six hundred dollars, and that they should adopt such means as they deem advisable to insure its regular payment.

In reference to this matter also, it is desirable that correct statistical returns should be required from all Presbyteries.

(Signed), J. REDPATH, J. MCMURRICH, AND OTHERS.

MONTREAL, 11th June, 1861.

No. 7.

AN OVERTURE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Regarding the Sabbath School as emphatically the nursery of the Church, and that it is the bounden duty of every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ to do what he can in fulfilment of His commands, the Synod would direct the attention of Churches and preachers within their bounds to the importance of gathering the youth into the Sabbath School, and that it should be a part of the duty of each minister to see that a Sabbath School is established in connection with each Church and preaching station of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and that if such is not practicable, and it would be considered more for the advancement of the cause of Christ, to unite with other evangelical brethren, that they be at liberty do so, so that this important means of Scriptural instruction may not be lost to the rising generation.

And for the purpose of more efficiently carrying out this measure, a Committee should be named to carry on the important work, whose duty it should be to prepare a uniform scheme of lessons for the use of the Schools, prepare Constitutions and Rules of Management, and, in such other way as circumstances might direct, generally to carry on this important work.

(Signed), JOHN C. BECKET, ROBERT CHRISTIE, AND OTHERS.

No. 8.

AN OVERTURE ON THE SUPPRESSION OF INTEMPERANCE.

Whereas, the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is extensively and ruinously prevalent in the community, and is undeniably the prolific source of poverty, wretchedness, vice and crime;

Whereas, in numerous instances it is a fatal stumbling block to many members of our Christian congregations, and is the frequent occasion of much dishonor to the cause of Christ;

Whereas, also a faithful deliverance of the Synod on this subject could not fail to exert a wide-spread and salutary influence.

The undersigned overture the Synod, that at the present season, such a deliverance may be given as may conduce to this end.

(Signed), JOHN C. BECKET, WILLIAM HERON, AND OTHERS.

No. 9.

ACT WITH REFERENCE TO CONGREGATIONAL PROPERTY.

"An Act respecting the Union of certain Presbyterian Churches therein named."

Whereas the Moderators of the Synod of the "Presbyterian Church of Canada," and "the United Presbyterian Church in Canada" respectively, by and with the authority of such Synods, have, by their petition, stated, that the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, have agreed to unite together and to form one body or denomination of Christians under the name of "The Canada Presbyterian Church;" And for the furtherance of this their purpose and to remove any obstruction to such Union, which may arise out of the present form and designation of the several trusts or Acts of Incorporation by which the property of the said Churches and of the several Congregations connected with the said Churches respectively, are held and administered or otherwise, and for the better administration of the said Trusts, the said Petitioners have prayed for certain Legislative provisions to be made in reference to the property of the said Churches and other matters affecting the same in view of such Union: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. As soon as the said Union takes place, all property, real, or personal, now belonging to, or held in trust for, or to the use of any Congregation in connection or communion with either of the said existing Churches, may thenceforth be held, used, and administered for the benefit of the same congregation in connection or

communion with the united Body, under the name of the Canada Presbyterian Church, or any other name the said Church may adopt.

2. Provided always, that where the Trust Deed or conveyance under which any property is held by or for the use of, or in trust for any congregation in connection or communion with either of the said existing Churches, sufficiently provides for the case of such a union as that agreed upon as aforesaid, and stipulates for any consent thereto by such congregation or the members or adherents thereof, or by any specified proportion of such congregation or the members or adherents thereof, nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the right of such congregation or the members and adherents thereof, in such behalf.

3. The names of "the Presbyterian Church of Canada" and "United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, (the latter being the said United Presbyterian Church in Canada) mentioned in the Act of the Provincial Parliament, sixteenth Victoria, chapter two hundred and sixteen, and intituled: *An Act for the relief of the Presbyterian Church of Canada as regards the keeping of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in Lower Canada,*" shall be taken and understood respectively to apply to the said united Body as soon as it shall have been formed, and all the provisions of the said Act, and all other Acts of the Provincial Parliament applicable to the said Churches respectively, whether in Lower Canada or in Upper Canada, shall equally apply to the said united Church so soon as the said intended union shall have been effected.

4. For the relief of certain of the said congregations so in connection or communion with the Churches aforesaid in this Province, whose Deeds of Trust heretofore executed, or Acts of incorporation heretofore obtained, made no provisions for the filling up from time to time of trusteeships vacant by death, removal from the Province, or resignation of trustees, and whose property is held under a conveyance to the Trustees and their heirs, or to the Trustees and their successors or otherwise, any such congregation may, from time to time, meet together, upon notice by the Minister, from the pulpit, or at the requisition in writing, of any ten persons entitled to vote as hereinafter mentioned, (notice of the day, hour and place of such meeting, in either case, being first publicly made in the church or place of meeting for public worship on two Sabbath days next before such meeting shall be held,) then and there by a majority of those present, and entitled to vote, to elect and appoint new trustees in the room of such trustees as shall have removed from the Province, resigned, or died, and thereupon the property of the congregation shall *ipso facto* become vested in such newly elected Trustees, and their successors to be appointed as aforesaid shall have full power and authority to hold and administer the trust or corporate property of such congregation; Provided, always, that the said newly elected trustees shall be members in communion with the said united body, and those entitled to vote, where there is no provision on the subject as aforesaid, shall be all persons who are members in communion with the said congregation and Church.

5. In case of deeds made to Trustees for a congregation in connection or communion with either of the said Churches more than twelve months ago, but not registered within twelve months after the execution thereof, such deeds shall nevertheless be valid if they have been registered before the passing of this Act, or if the same be registered within three months after the passing of this Act; but this enactment shall not give effect to such deeds against subsequent purchasers or mortgagees for valuable consideration without notice, who have registered or shall register their conveyances or mortgages before the registration of the said deeds to Trustees.

6. Conveyances heretofore made in Upper Canada to trustees and their successors for the use of a congregation in connexion or communion with either of the said churches, shall be deemed valid conveyances in fee, notwithstanding that the heirs of the trustees are not named, and notwithstanding that the manner of appointing successors is not provided in such conveyances.

7. Trustees or other administrators of corporate or trust property of any congregation in connexion or communion with the said united Body may, with the consent of the congregation, or of a majority present of those entitled to vote at a meeting convened to consider the matter (as provided either by their trust deeds, or by section number four of this Act, for the election of trustees in case of vacancies, as the case may be) mortgage, sell, or exchange any real estate belonging to, or holden for the use, or in trust for the said congregation, for the purpose of repairing or securing the debt on any building thereon erected, or of erecting other or more suitable churches, manses, or glebes, or schools, in any other locality that they may deem best, or of purchasing other and more suitable churches, manses, glebes, or schools; provided nevertheless, that such mortgage, sale or exchange, be first sanctioned by the Presbytery under whose care such congregation is placed, and not otherwise, and provided further, that in Upper Canada this clause shall only apply where the Deed of Trust or Act of Incorporation contains no provision for mortgaging, selling, or exchanging for the purpose for which such mortgage, sale, or exchange is desired.

8. All other property, real or personal, belonging to or held in trust for the use of either of the said Churches, either generally or for any special purpose or subject, shall from the time the contemplated union takes place, and thenceforth belong to, and be held in trust for, and to the use in like manner of the united Body.

9. But all such property, real or personal, as is effected by this Act, shall in all respects, save as aforesaid, be held and administered as nearly as may be in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as provided by the Deeds of Trust, Acts of Incorporation, or other instruments, or authority under which the same is now held or administered.

10. Provided always, that nothing in the present Act contained shall be construed to impair or in any manner affect any rights or claims of the Church of Scotland or of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, or any congregation or any number or adherents of any congregaiion of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, to any property acquired before the formation of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, or to any other property whatsoever.

11. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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